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A NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Dana and Josie Trudgeon, 3, were among over 75 children as well as parents who wore their pajamas to the second annual Night Before Christmas Reading held at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library last Thursday. The Christmas program included singing Christmas carols, the reading of a couple of stories followed by enjoying hot chocolate and cookies afterwards.

Commissioners OK trail signage plan

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford County Commissioners approved a sign plan in hopes of keeping snowmobiles and other motor vehicles off the county's paved pathway system but put the chill on legally enforcing trail usage.

County commissioners unanimously adopted a non-motorized trail sign and barrier plan at their regular meeting last week, but stopped short of adopting an ordinance to regulate trail use.

The plan calls for signs to be placed three to five feet from the edge of the paved trail surface. The regulatory signs will be placed at intersections and trail crossings to inform users of regulations for the trail. Informational signage will be located at trailheads and major access points to the trail system. The informational signs will include trail length and distance markers, the trail grade or difficulty, authorized uses on the trail, trail courtesy and etiquette, a map and available amenities located along the trail.

Barriers such as a snow fence, removable posts and swinging fences will be placed at points along the trail where access by

prohibited vehicles may be likely to direct traffic away from the trail surface.

The Crawford County Pathway Committee is seeking to protect the \$1.3 million of asphalt funded through Michigan Department of Transportation grants which goes from the Grayling Army Airfield out to Hartwick Pines.

Wayne Koppa, chairman of the Crawford County Pathway, suggested adopting the ordinance and just issuing warnings for riding snowmobiles on the trail this winter, which was recommended by Department of Natural Resources officials.

"Unless there our flagrant violations, they just give warnings for the first year so they know what's going on," Koppa said.

Snowmobilers were not seeking to ride on the paved trail, but the designated snowmobile trail where sleds were allowed to travel north and south along Old 27 since 1994 was located where the trail was paved.

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City working out details for lease of fire department

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The City of Grayling is forging ahead alone with a lease of the former fire department building to the state police.

Grayling city officials are continuing to pursue leasing the former Grayling City/Township Fire Department to the state police crime lab after township officials said they don't want be contractually involved in the issue.

City and township officials had intended to split funds from the lease between the two municipalities from the fire station lease. The city owns the property the fire department building is located on, but the township and city share ownership of the fire department building. The fire department moved into its new building in June.

Township officials had expressed concerns about billing the state exact utility costs in order not to subsidize the crime lab, but are now asking to pull out of the fire department lease altogether.

"We just don't want to be in the landlord business, especially since the facility is not even located in the township," said

Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright.

City officials plan to have have the city assessor, Chris Verlac, determine what the fire department building is worth in order to buy out the township's interest in the facility.

The Crime Lab plans to store its bomb squad truck in the building and two additional jobs would be created at the lab.

"They're good positions, they're high paying positions and we need that," Grayling City Council member Dennis Palmer said.

Mayor Joe Ferrigan said he wanted to know what the building was worth prior to any renovations that would be made for the state police.

"We need to establish a price right now before we put money into it," Ferrigan said.

Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe said city officials would need to find funds in the budget to pay the township for its share of the building.

City Council Member Kim McClain said she wanted to ensure that lease was still a feasible option considering paying both costs for the renovations Continued on Page 10A
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Frigid temperatures puts chill on area

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Old Man winter wreaked havoc on northern Michigan at the start of week, dropping the thermometers and dumping lots of snow on the area.

Crawford AuSable School students got Monday and Tuesday off as snow days just prior to the holiday winter break.

Temperatures which reached 22 below forced the schools to close on Monday. Superintendent Milli Haug, said that seven busses in the school's fleet would not start and the cut off for calling off school is when four busses won't operate.

"When it gets that cold we have concerns about having children out waiting for the busses to get them to school, and we also have some of the busses that won't start," Haug said.

The busses were ready to roll on Tuesday, but heavy snowfall and a winter snow advisory cancelled classes again.

"We just thought it was way to risky to try and get the kids," Haug said.

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Photo by Dan Sanderson

Thane Doremire came into Grayling Tuesday morning to help a relative deal with the snow that was dumped on the area.

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Grayling graduates take on leadership roles

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

If anybody painted "The Class of 1985 Rules" on a wall, it would certainly get a chuckle from Tim Moore and Damon Thayer.

Moore and Thayer graduated from Grayling High School in 1985. Thayer was re-elected to a four-year term for the Kentucky State Senate in November and Moore was elected as the state representative for the Michigan Legislature's 97th District.

Moore beat incumbent democrat Jennifer Elkins for the state house district, which covers Clare, Gladwin and northern Bay Counties.

Moore was spurred to run for that state house seat in 2002 because he wanted to get involved in government rather than complain about the issues.

Moore said he was urged by party leaders to wait until Elkins was term-limited from the position, but decided to mount a challenge for the seat.

"Going into it, they said wait four years and run and I did buy into that rationale," Moore said.

Thayer, who was elected to his senate position in a special election in January 2003, beat a retired school superintendent to retain his seat which was targeted for takeover by the Kentucky Democratic Party.

"We ran a very disciplined campaign and we were pretty proud of the results," Thayer said.

Both Moore and Thayer credit their education in Grayling for getting them involved in leadership roles.

Moore said retired teacher Howard Lehti got him interested in politics and following elections. He also learned how to handle challenges on the school's wrestling team.

"I think it bodes well for the Grayling school system to have produced two government leaders out of the same class," Moore said. "You can fall back on your experiences and things that you learned



Rep. Tim Moore



Sen. Damon Thayer

and did in school as you deal with issues and the people you serve."

Thayer recalled the class of 1985 as a bunch of athletic and academic overachievers.

Thayer said being involved in student government, theatre and speech classes provided him with the background to become a leader. He added that having debates with teachers Mike Delp and Nancy Lemmen also gave him a boost of confidence.

"All of those elements contributed to my ability to serve the state of Kentucky in the State Senate," Thayer said.

Art Thayer, a Grayling Middle School Teacher, had Thayer and Moore in the same class in the sixth grade and is proud to see them involved in politics.

"I thought it was great that two graduates from Grayling could rise to that level," said Thayer, who has been involved with Crawford County and Michigan Republican Parties for 20 years.

City council hikes water, sewer rates

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling City residents will see a slight increase in their water and sewer bills next year.

The Grayling City Council at their regular meeting last week opted to raise the cost of water from \$1.35 to \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons. The sewer rate was increased from \$3.25 to \$3.60 per 1,000 gallons. The hike of both fees is 10.87 percent over current rates.

The administrative fees to prepare, mail and collect the sewer and water bills was hiked from \$7 per quarter to \$7.21 per quarter.

The increased fees will cost a resident an added \$10.21 per quarter, based on the use of 20,000 gallons of water per quarter. The council also increased the fees in April 2004.

"It's not as much as the increased price for cigarettes so nobody should stop drinking water," City Council Member Roger Moshier said.

The City Council opted for the slight fee hikes rather than more costly fees recommended by city auditors and engineers in order to create a budget surplus to replace water and sewer mains.

Animal shelter lease extended

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The Crawford County Road Commission Board approved a two-year lease extension for the Crawford County Animal Shelter at the board's regular meeting last Thursday.

In January, the Road Commission Board voted 3-0 to inform the animal shelter that the current lease agreement, which is set to expire December 31 of 2004, would not be renewed. (The Road Commission leases part of its property to the shelter for \$1 per year.)

The board adjusted its stance following assurances from animal shelter officials that they were in the process of planning and raising money for a new facility. The shelter is currently working on a land swap with the county and the State of Michigan to secure a suitable location for the new facility.

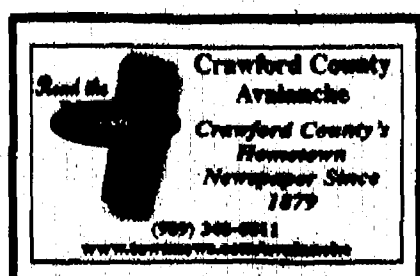
"Things are coming along pretty good," said Sharon Priebe, Animal Shelter Board President.

Priebe told the road commissioners that the land swap issue is progressing and the shelter has raised a "nest egg" of \$85,000 to \$90,000. Once the property issue is resolved, the shelter will start applying for grants to help with the relocation project, Priebe said.

"We do want to move," Priebe said. "It's just a matter of logistics."

"I think (the animal shelter) has made some great strides in the last six months," said Jim Burch, Road Commission Board member.

Burch moved to extend the Road Commission's lease with the animal shelter for two years, Commissioner John Hartman provided a second, and the motion passed 3-0.

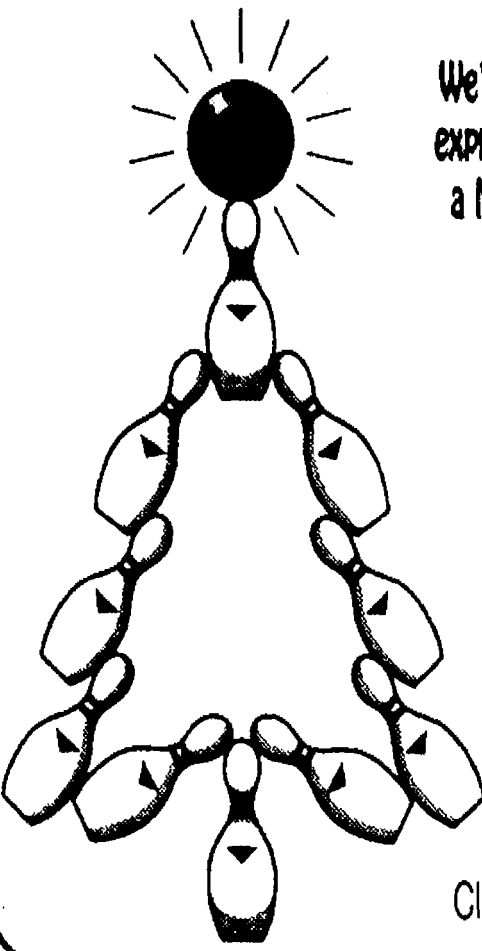


"The auditors and engineers don't have to live here and we do," said Grayling Mayor Joe Ferrigan.

Instead, the city officials are considering issuing bonds which would be paid for through the city income tax to pay for infrastructure projects. City officials are seeking to address infrastructure needs for the next 15 years.

"There are some spots where we have sewer and water mains that need to be replaced, but it's nothing that is urgent, but they should be replaced so the systems operates the way it should," Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe said. "Compared to other cities, we're no worse off than anyone else."

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Winners announced for Miss Grayling pageant

On December 4, Grayling High School senior Casey Mahaffy was crowned Miss Grayling 2005 at the Junior Miss Scholarship Program pageant, an event sponsored by the American Business Women's Association and held at the high school's Joseph Stripe Auditorium.

Ten seniors from GHS com-

peted in this year's Miss Grayling pageant.

Mahaffy was the winner, Stacey Brown was the runner-up, and Jesse Ferrell was the second runner-up.

Casey, the daughter of Lenny and Tammy Mahaffy, said she plans to attend the University of Michigan to study forensic pathology after graduation.



Casey Mahaffy
Miss Grayling

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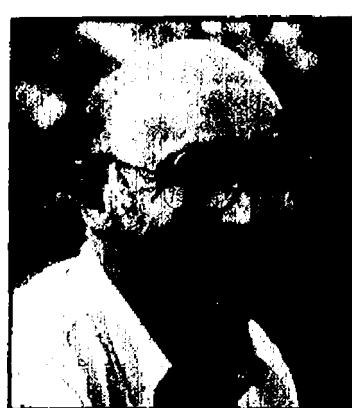
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ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Christmas time filled with 'wonders'

CHRISTMAS TIME properly is filled with wonders.

There's the beauty of small children, with eyes and hearts filled with wonder and awe as they eagerly await Christmas morning and the visit from Santa Claus, wondering what his bulging bag of presents holds for them.

Worried shoppers, scurry from store to store, wonder where they can find all the special things they seek to complete their Christmas shopping lists.

Frazzled wives and mothers and grandmothers, spend hours in the kitchen, producing their own wonders of food delights - special Christmas cookies and pastries and dinners and other recipes handed down from earlier generations - which all turn out just great because everything tastes especially delicious during the holidays.

There are the furrowed brows of the wage earners and bill payers, who wonder how they are ever going to be able to pay the bills for all the wonders of Christmas.

BECFITTING THE SEASON, I have a

few special wonders, too.

I wonder why thousands of otherwise normal individuals will haul themselves out of bed early on the morning after Thanksgiving to camp out at stores and malls, and fight and scratch their way inside the stores to be first to throw their money at so-called bargains... and then continue the spending frenzy at near the same pace for another month.

I wonder why everybody must have a Christmas list. I wonder why we buy gifts mostly from these mandatory lists, instead of looking for a special, individualized present that shows some originality and proves you really were thinking of the person who receives it.

I wonder why we expect to receive everything on that Christmas list, and are disappointed if we don't. Once we compile our list we seem to think we are entitled to everything on it, that it's our right to receive.

I wonder why parents and grandparents buy so much stuff for their kids anyway. Many cannot really afford it, but that's what the kids had on their lists, so that's what they buy.

I wonder why we have turned Christmas, an essentially one-day religious observance, into the overly commercialized, materialized and secularized event it has become.

CHRISTMAS IS A religious holiday, despite consistent attempts to make it otherwise.

Christmas is the Christian observance of the birth of Jesus Christ, and along with the Easter commemoration of His death and resurrection into heaven, the very foundation of the Christian faith.

I wonder why so many people accept the separation of Christmas from the birth of Jesus and the centuries of religious history stemming from it. That's not logical.

Now we substitute non-religious generic terms and practices for the real thing. We send holiday cards, not Christmas cards. We shout "Happy Holidays!" instead of "Merry Christmas!"

Public schools stage "Winterfest Programs," not Christmas programs, where children don't sing about the Baby Jesus or the manger at Bethlehem or the

angels heralding the birth of Christ. Instead about the closest thing to Christmas we hear is the modern carol about roasting chestnuts on an open fire. I wonder why we accept and encourage this deterioration.

No one can prove the details of the birth of Jesus. It's all a matter of faith. According to some church historians, during the Fourth Century church leaders settled on December 25 to celebrate the birth of Jesus. That date probably was chosen to replace a pagan feast to the sun, observed in late December when days grow longer and the sun seems to be reborn each year.

Now, 17 centuries later, we still embrace December 25 as Christmas - sort of.

But more and more, much as the pagan sun worshipers did centuries ago, we tend to accept Christmas as a holiday, not a holy day. There is a difference.

BEFORE THIS essay turns completely into a script for Scrooge, I welcome and salute many good and excellent things that stand out about today's Christmas.

It's a time for family gatherings. It's a time to greet friends and loved ones. It's a time to care about others and to exchange gifts. It's a time to laugh and be happy and to sing songs, many with a religious nature, incidentally. These are all good things.

To be friendly and happy is good. To help others - by donating to organizations that assist the needy and the homeless, by feeding the hungry and the lonely, by giving toys and clothes to needy families... these are all good, too.

But without the religious foundation, without the connection to the birth of Jesus, it's simply a time of year, publicly accepted as a holiday, but not as a holy day.

Christmas and the birth of Jesus are hand in hand and should not - indeed, cannot - be separated. He's the reason for the season.

To all of you, a blessed and joyous Christmas from The Almanack.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

A poem for the holidays...

Twas the night before Christmas,
He lived all alone,
In a one bedroom house,
Made of plaster and stone.

I had come down the chimney,
With presents to give,
And to see just who,
In this home, did live.

I looked all about,
A strange sight I did see,
No tinsel, no presents,
Not even a tree.

No stockings by mantle,
Just boots filled with sand,
On the wall hung pictures,
Of far distant lands.

With medals and badges,
Awards of all kinds,
A somber thought,
Came through in my mind.

For this house was different,
It was dark and dreary,
I found the home of a soldier,
Once I could clearly see.

The soldier lay sleeping,
Silent, alone,
Curled up on the floor,
In this one bedroom home.

The face was so gentle,
The room in such disorder,
Not how I pictured,
A United States soldier.

Was this the hero,
Of whom I just read?
Curled up on a poncho,
The floor for a bed?

I realized the families,
That I saw this night,
Owed their lives to these soldiers,
Who were willing to fight.

Soon round the world,
The children would play,
And grownups would celebrate,
A bright Christmas Day.

They all enjoyed freedom,
Each month of the year,
Because of the soldiers,
Like this one lying here.

I couldn't help wondering,
How many lay alone,
On a cold Christmas eve,
In a land far from home.

The very thought had,
Brought a tear to my eye,
I dropped to my knees,
And started to cry.

The soldier awoke,
And I heard a rough voice,
Santa don't cry,
This life is my choice.

I fight for freedom,
I don't ask for more,
My life is my God,
My country, my corps.

The soldier rolled over,
And drifted to sleep,
I couldn't control it,
I continued to weep.

I kept watch for hours,
So silent and still,
And we both shivered that night,
From the cold night's chill.

I didn't want to leave,
On that cold, dark night,
This guardian of honor,
So willing to fight.

Then the soldier rolled over,
With a voice soft and pure,
Whispered "carry on Santa,
It's Christmas Day, all is secure."

One look at my watch,
And I knew he was right,
Merry Christmas my friend,
And to all a good night.

This poem - submitted by LTC Thomas Lurie of Camp Grayling - was written by a marine stationed in Okinawa, Japan. The following is his request: "Please. Would you show the kind favor of sending this to as many people as you can? Christmas will be coming soon and much credit is due to the service men and women from around the globe, who fight for freedom, for being able to celebrate these festivities. Let's try in this small way to pay a bit of what we owe. Make people stop and think of our heroes, living and dead, who sacrificed themselves for us. Please do your small part to plant this small seed."

EDITOR

Reader questions fluoridation in city drinking water

To the editor:

Aside from the obvious wisdom of not using the public drinking water as a vehicle to deliver people-treatment substances, I wonder if council members and residents of Grayling knew of the following benefits and risks of ingested fluoride when they responded to the recent opinion survey on fluoridation.

1 - 90% of tooth decay occurs where fluoridation was never even claimed to be effective; the pits and fissures of teeth, i.e., the chewing surfaces of the molars. This is why dentists have been applying plastic sealants to these surfaces for decades. A 1929 study by McKay showed that 95% of tooth decay occurred in the pits and fissures of molars.

2 - In 1993, the Journal of Public Health Dentistry reported, "50% of

US Head Start children have had Baby Bottle Tooth Decay." Fluoridation does not work here either. And nowadays the Sippy Cup is extending this devastating decay of poor children to epidemic levels. The Denver Post 4.13.04, illustrates this point; Denver has been fluoridated since 1954 and one dentist reports 300 cases a year of this rampant decay. See www.Keepers-of-the-Well.org, click Effectiveness, #7, #10, and #12.

3 - All three fluoridation compounds are bio-chemically far more toxic to mammals than natural occurring calcium fluoride. Calcium has been known since the 1930s to somewhat mitigate fluoride's toxicity.

4 - The August 12, 1992, Journal of the American Medical Association, Utah hip fracture

study shows that hip fractures were doubled for women at age 75 if they drank fluoridated tap water for a 20 year span prior to their menopause when bone turnover is still rapidly depositing the embrittling fluoride into new bone. The men's increase in hip fracture was 41%. These figures only reflect the 50% accumulation into adult bone. Imagine what this figure could have been had these women been raised on fluoridated water since infancy wherein fluoride accumulation is 87%.

It was with this caliber of information, a new understanding of the untested chemicals used to fluoridate water, and a local dentist's

concern over overexposure that the voters of Mount Pleasant, Michigan, passed an ordinance November 2 to cease their 46 year, practice of fluoridation. They join over 140 cities since 1990 that have said "No" to fluoridation.

A book published in May, The Fluoridation Deception, reveals the details of this, yet another, 1950's public health blunder. www.FluorideAlert.org posts over a dozen reviews of this brilliant and long-overdue book.

Maureen Jones
Citizens for
Safe Drinking Water
San Jose, California

Does anyone see sanity returning anytime soon?

To the editor:

Reading and listening to the news these days, I can't help but wonder about a few things.

If George Bush, Dick Cheney and Donald Rumsfeld - or their children or grandchildren - were serving in Iraq today, how long would it have taken to make sure every soldier had the best body armor and armor-plated Humvees for patrol duty?

Why did Rumsfeld tell troops that his nation could only produce 400 armor-plated Humvees per month? Has he forgotten that we produced thousands of airplanes and tanks per month during WWII? If so, he is "just an old man ... who can't get his thoughts together" and should step aside. If, as I suspect, he knows full well this nation could produce more Humvees than our troops could ever use in Iraq, and he's lying to cover embarrassing mistakes in judgement and priorities, then he should be summarily dismissed and stripped of all financial benefits that might otherwise accrue.

When did the mantra of a strong leader change from "the buck stops here" to "blame anyone but me and my friends, the further down the line and the weaker the individual the better?" I mean, how else do you explain two low level National Guard officers getting court-martialed for ordering their men to cannibalize abandoned vehicles to repair their own as they headed into battle? Our

government - under the leadership of Commander-in-Chief Bush - sent our troops into war with malfunctioning and unarmored vehicles. The men didn't complain. They just did what soldiers have done throughout history. They improvised and got on with the job. For that, our "leaders" skate free and the grunts are court-martialed. That attitude comes from the top, folks, only from the top.

How many National Guard soldiers and families - now knowing without a doubt that the Bush government has not done (and is not doing) all it can to properly equip them for battle and believes in court-martialing brave soldiers trying to make up for the dereliction of their leaders - would like to reconsider the vote they cast on November 2?

It's enough to make you weep for those who serve so bravely, so honorably.

Does anyone see sanity returning any time soon? Not as our commander-in-chief is still playing-acting, still dressing up in military garb, admonishing all of us to "support the troops" while he and his henchmen do just the opposite. As we end this year and look forward to the next, we might all be well served to remember the old adage about determining the honor of a man by observing his deeds, not listening to his words.

Francis C. Reidelberger
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EARLY DEADLINES FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Our office will be **CLOSED** on Friday,
Christmas Eve, December 24th.

Deadlines for the December 30th
Avalanche will be:

Display Ads ♦♦ Thurs. Dec. 23 5 pm
Community News ♦♦ Mon. Dec. 27 by noon
Classified Display Ads ♦♦ Mon. Dec. 27 by noon
Classified Ads by the word ♦♦ Tues. Dec. 28 by noon

The Avalanche office will reopen on
Monday, December 27 at 9 am.

Our office will be
CLOSED on Friday,
New Year's Eve, December 31st.

DEADLINES for the
January 6, 2005 Avalanche will be:
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Community News ♦♦ Mon. Jan. 3 by noon
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BRIEFS

River House is sponsoring support group

River House is sponsoring a 12-week support group for female survivors of sexual violence beginning on January 11, 2005 in Grayling. If you are interested contact Maria at 348-3169.

Courthouse announces holiday hours

The Crawford County Courthouse will be closed Friday, December 24; Monday, December 27; and Friday December 31 in observance of the holiday season.

Friends of library to hold holiday meeting

The holiday meeting of the Friends of the Crawford County Libraries will be held on December 27 at 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the library. The activities for the meeting will be to take down the holiday decorations in the library. A short business meeting with a brunch will follow. members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.

Red Cross announces blood drive donors from November

The next Crawford County American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, January 5 at the American Legion from noon to 5:45 p.m., you must have a photo I.D. or donor card.

On November 3 Grayling High School had 90 donors. First time donors were: Kyle Bond, Natalie Christman, June Clark, Trevor Clough, Henry Cjocar, Ellie Cross, James Dajnenberg III, Ryan Davis, Nicole Dixon, Jason Fekete, Pamela Ferrigan, David Fleischmann, David Galvani, Michail Gammon, Mavrick Ginther, William Golnick, James Harven, Michae Hawkins, Brandon Himmel, Ashley Isaacsen, Shane Isenhauer, James Jansen, Lindsey Johns, Greg Kalonich, Cassandra King, Mary Kowalski, Kevin Latreille, Ann Lepsy, Benjamin Lucey, Elizabeth Lucey, Timothy Luke, Alex McNamara, Mark Mikulin

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One gallon donors were: Jerry Hayes and Cheryl Lucey. Three gallons donor, Ronald J. Rakoczy, Jr. Four gallons donor, Tina Smith.

November 4 blood drive was held at the Frederic Town Hall Annex with 15 donors. One gallon donor was Dana Dellinger. November blood drive at Hard Bodyz had 31 donors. First time donor was Kenneth Boswarth. Gallon pins were given to: one gallon, Rose Argue and Diane Gregorich; two gallons, Vicki Rayston; three gallons, Thomas G. Brooks II; nine gallons, Gary Warden; and 11 gallons, Robert Wargo Jr.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:
 *Friday, December 24 - Christmas holiday center closed.
 *Monday, December 27 - Christmas holiday center closed.
 *Tuesday, December 28 - Lunch - Corned beef, cabbage, boiled potatoes, ice cream sundaes. Dinner - sausage pizza, tossed salad, peach crisp. 10 a.m. Tenant Council Meeting, 1 p.m. Euchre Club, 5:30 p.m. Cardo.
 *Wednesday, December 29 - Lunch - spinach quiche, glazed

sweet potatoes, fruit medley salad, pastry. Dinner - oven fried chicken, coleslaw, baked potato, pumpkin custard. 10 a.m. Line Dancing, 12 p.m. Stag Club, 5:30 p.m. Medicine Shoppe Bingo.

Thursday, December 30 - Lunch - chicken and dumplings, stewed tomatoes, applesauce, plums. Dinner - beef tips and gravy over noodles, corn, broccoli parmesan, ambrosia fruit salad. 10 a.m. Aerobics and Craft Class, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks, 5:30 p.m. Uno-Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing is scheduled for the period December 23 - 29, 2004.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates: December 23 and 27 - 29.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to

mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: (989) 348-6371. For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The \$50/50 raffle winners for December 19 - of \$25 each: Trudy Hawkins (2), Steve Green, John Keir, Betty Mead, Bill Golnick, Bill Tobin, Michele Moshier, Bruce Armstrong, Al Krey, Corky Hellebuyck, Camarin Compton, Ray Pyle, Val Priebe, Marcia Canfield, Tracy Thorne, April Gugin, Mardgan Hess and Gert Quest.

Project Graduation

The "Lucky 300 Club" raffle winners for the weeks of November 15 - Theresa Andrews; November 22 - Rene Trudgeon; November 20 - Delores Bellanger; December 5 - Toni Stephan; and December 12 - Juanita Delisle.

87TH DISTRICT COURT

Sentencings for November 2004

Hon. John G. Hunter

Terrie Jo McLeod, age 42 of Roscommon - Non sufficient funds check under \$100; ordered to pay \$21.44 in restitution.

John Martin Dennis, age 55 of Roscommon - Retail fraud third degree; ordered to pay \$355 in fines or serve 35 days in jail.

John Joseph Kusneris, age 50 of Grayling - Retail fraud third degree; ordered to pay \$405 in fines or serve 40 days in jail.

James Andrew Lloyd, age 43 of Elmira - Operating while intoxicated; ordered to pay \$1,675 in fines; sentenced to serve 90 days in jail; placed on probation for 365 days.

Angela Marie Hagerman, age 41 of Grayling - Reckless driving; ordered to pay \$305 in fines or spend 30 days in jail.

Mark Roland Losse, age 41 of Luzerne - Drove suspended second offense and improper use of license plate; ordered to pay \$870 in fines or spend 87 days in jail.

Paul Steven Kolka, age 32 of Sanibel Island, Fla. - Operated while intoxicated; ordered to pay \$845 in fines or serve 84 days in jail; placed on probation for 90 days.

Jennifer Mathey, age 18 of Grayling - Grayling City Ordinance #4; ordered to pay \$200 in fines or serve 90 days in jail.

Kevin Duane Paxton, age 28 of Grayling - Operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$1,095 in fines or serve 93 days in jail.

Matthew Steven Wojtaszek, age 28 of Detroit - Disturbance of the peace; sentenced to 20 days in jail with credit for 20 days served.

Chester John Gensch, age 60 of Merrill - Operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$445 in fines or serve 44 days in jail.

Elbert Allen Sidel Jr., age 41 of Morrice; DNR - General violations; ordered to pay \$340 in fines.

Clifton Scott Slater, age 33 of Grayling - Malicious destruction of property; ordered to pay \$305 in fines or serve 30 days in jail.

Charles William McVicar, age 38 of Grayling - Retail Fraud third degree; ordered to pay \$125 in fines or serve 12 days in jail.

Daniel Jason Chrzanowski, age 23 of Pinckney - Operated

while intoxicated; ordered to pay \$845 in fines or serve 84 days in jail; placed on probation for 90 days.

Jack Pomeroy, age 49 of Grayling - Drove while license suspended and register plate/trailer violation; ordered to pay \$520 in fines or serve 52 days in jail.

Hon. Thomas W. Brookove

Oderay Fraki, age 33 of Grayling - Retail fraud third degree; ordered to pay \$150 in fines; placed on probation for 181 days.

Jedediah Don Blacker, age 22 of Oxford - Operate ORV on highway or right of way and ORV/fail to obey signal or requirement to stop; ordered to pay \$370 in fines.

Noah David Nethers, age 23 of Okemos - Operated while intoxicated; ordered to pay \$905 in fines or serve 90 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

Kelly Jo Hoesli, age 29 of Grayling - Retail fraud-second degree; ordered to pay \$255 in fines or serve 25 in jail; placed on probation for 45 days.

Harry Alan Smith, age 35 of Grayling - Operated while intoxicated; Ordered to pay \$848 in fines or serve 84 days in jail; placed on probation for 92 days.

Todd Clark Harmer, age 44 of Grayling - Domestic violence; ordered to pay \$525 in fines or serve 52 days in jail.

Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

Ronald Lyman Ihke, age 41 of Shelby Township - ORV-Obstruction any road/trail hindering public; ordered to pay \$145 in fines.

Cheryl Ann Howell, age 48 of Grayling - Improper use of license plate and operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$895 in fines or serve 89 days in jail.

Raymond Wesley Edwards, age 42 of Holly, Operate ORV on Highway/street/ Right of Way;

operate while license suspended revoked; operate while impaired; ordered to pay \$1,305 in fines or serve 93 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

Terry Jay Edwards, age 47 of Pontiac - Operate ORV on highway/street/right of way; ordered to pay \$305 in fines or serve 30 days in jail.

Magistrate Julie Delaney

Steve Alan Edwards, age 41 of Birch Run; Drove while license suspended; ordered to pay \$215 in fines or serve five days in jail.

Charles Lewis Williams, age 19 of Grayling - Drove while license suspended and improper use of license plate; ordered to pay \$375 in fines or serve 30 days in jail; placed on probation for 90 days.

Magistrate Camrin Compton

Chadwin Duane Helsel, age 18 of Grayling - No valid license in possession and minor-possess/transport in motor vehicle; ordered to pay \$150 in fines.

Thomas William Barnett, age 18 of Grayling - Minor possession/transport in motor vehicle; ordered to pay \$150 in fines.

Brandon Roger Gorr, age 20 of Grayling - Minor possession/transport in motor vehicle; ordered to pay \$360 in fines; placed on probation for 90 days.

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Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are?"

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

Card of Thanks


A recent collection of donations by a group of local children came as a delightful surprise! Kelsee Dean, Sarah Robinson, Brandon Latusek, Rebecca Latusek, Alex Robson and Darcy Greer should be commended for their community service, as well as the residents and visitors of the Sherwood Forest Subdivision and Ole Dam Road area for their generosity. The Animal Shelter of Crawford County extends the warmest thanks to everyone for caring so much about the animals at the shelter at Christmas time.

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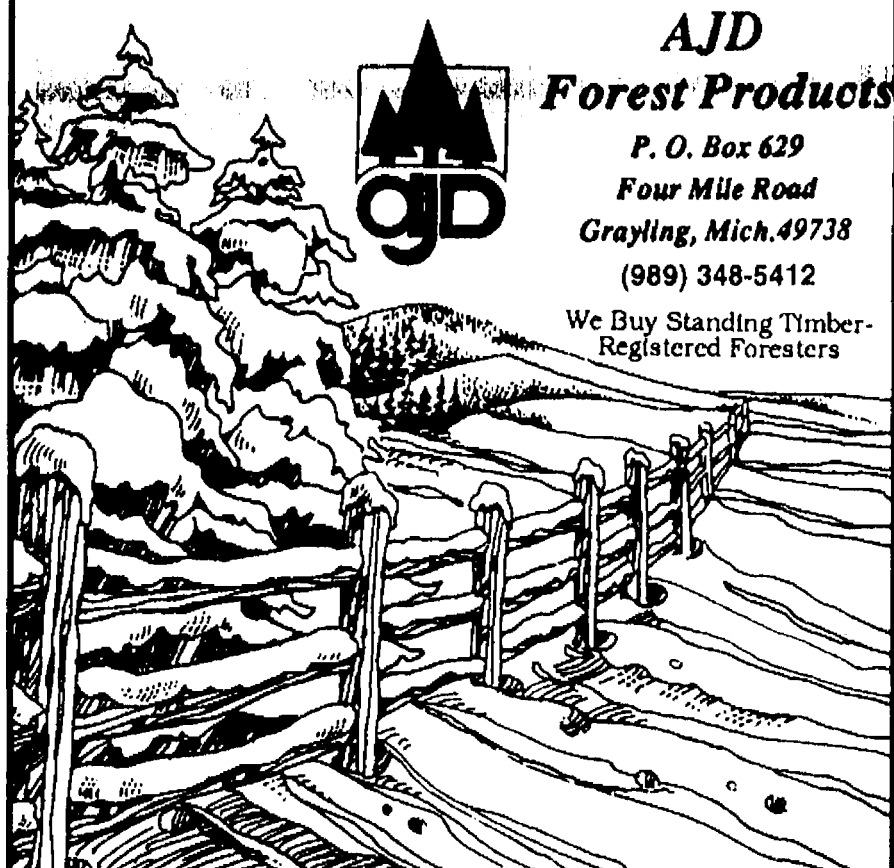
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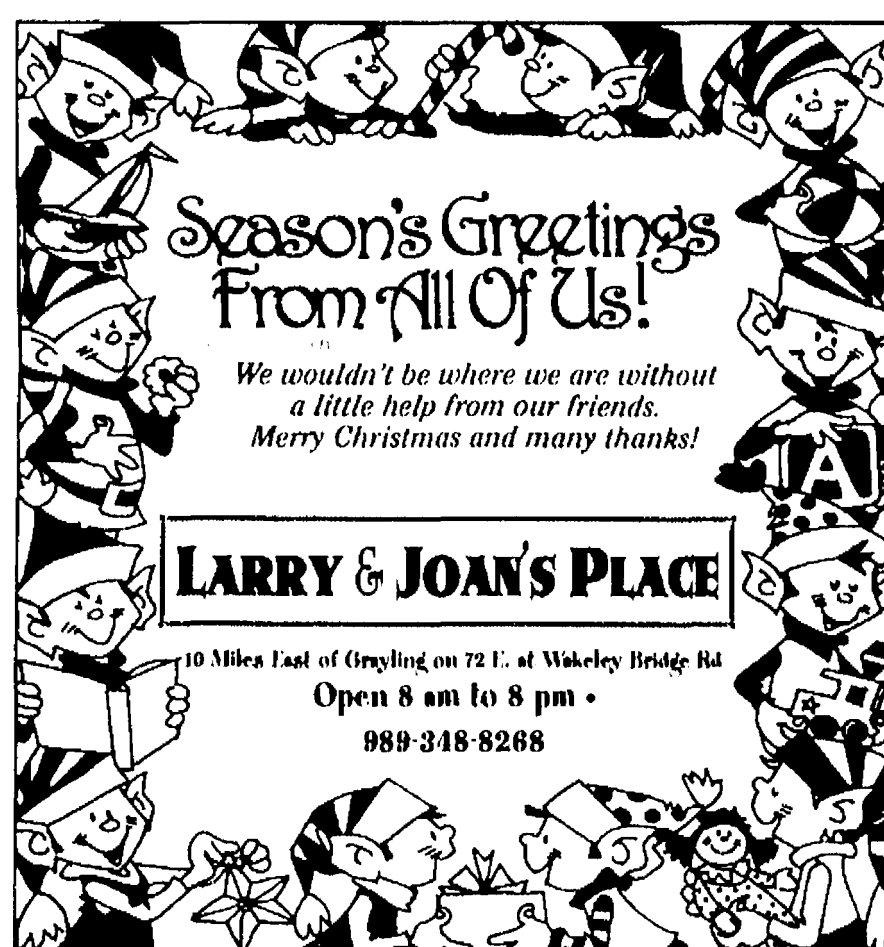
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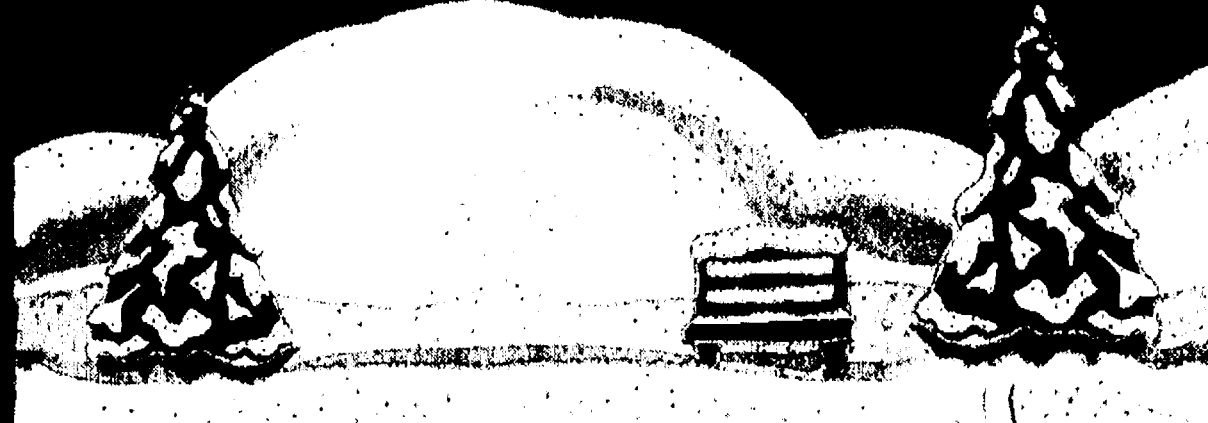


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by Ernie Harwell



According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 17,419 people were killed and 700,000 others were injured in alcohol-related traffic crashes in the U.S. last year.

Perhaps the saddest news of all is that more alcohol-related traffic fatalities occur during the holiday period than any other time during the year. But it's important to remember that people typically don't plan to be impaired drivers. It's even more important to remember that everyone can plan ahead to make sure it doesn't happen.

If you plan to celebrate with alcohol, here are tips to help you enjoy a safer holiday season:

- * Avoid situations where there is a likelihood that you will drink and drive.
 - * Find someone to be your designated driver before you take that first drink.
 - * Ask for juice, a soft drink or coffee after you have an alcoholic drink or two.
 - * Decide on a limit, such as two drinks, and stick to it.
 - * If you have difficulty stopping, call a friend before you take the first drink you may even decide not to take it.
- Simply put, if you'll be drinking, have a plan. It's the best way for you and others to celebrate and be safe.

And remember, take care of your health before it's longgg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

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CHRISTMAS BRUNCH



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Marie Mahaney and Deloris Bellanger enjoyed the Christmas Brunch held at the Crawford County Senior Center. Santa was on hand to visit with the seniors and children who attended the brunch.

Kindergarten friendship leads to delayed diploma

A friendship between Ken Lazarowicz and Hans Andrews started in Grayling in kindergarten September of 1943. The friendship was renewed in 2001 and has led to the completion of the high school diploma Lazarowicz left behind in 1955 when he left his senior year 1/2 credit short of graduation. Andrews spoke to the GHS all-school alumni meeting in 1995 and Lazarowicz's sister put Ken in touch with Andrews while he was President of Olney Central College in Olney, Illinois.

Lazarowicz and Andrews finally met again at the all-school alumni banquet in 2001 and renewed their friendship after 46

years. Lazarowicz came as Andrews's guest as he was not officially a graduate.

Lazarowicz mentioned that he was considering writing his life story and he received much encouragement and "editorial" assistance from Andrews. After a year and a half Lazarowicz completed his project entitled, *SKIPPED, A Life Changing Experience*, based upon his life experiences following his skipping of the third grade (being passed on) at the Southside Elementary School.

Andrews next encouraged Lazarowicz to take his project to GHS Superintendent Milli Haug to be reviewed as possibly meeting his 1/2 credit toward his GHS diploma. She was interested in having his story reviewed by a third party and it was accepted as the missing 1/2 credit.

Lazarowicz received his GHS



With the encouragement of Hans Andrews (left), former Grayling student, Ken Lazarowicz (right) earned his GHS diploma.

diploma in 2004 and proudly displays it in his apartment in Bay City. He now plans to attend future GHS Alumni functions as an "alumnus."

A long term dream of obtain-

ing his diploma has been accomplished by Lazarowicz. He gives much thanks to Andrews and to Haug who were important forces in helping him achieve this dream.

Fire Department to receive new truck

The Grayling City/Township Fire Department will receive a new fire truck through a federal grant.

The department will receive a \$427,500 grant through the 2004 Assistance to Firefighters Program.

The funding was awarded as

part of \$810,900 in grants awarded for four Michigan fire departments through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, according to U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) and Carl Levin (D-MI).

"Our state's first responders deserve nothing less than the best

possible equipment and training we can provide," Stabenow said. "The latest round of fire grants will help these four communities obtain the equipment they need to better protect the communities they serve."

"Everyday our firefighters go to work willing to risk their lives to protect us," Levin added. "We owe it to them to provide the necessary vehicles and equipment. This funding will strengthen each department's ability to respond to emergencies while minimizing the risks to the men and women who work so hard to protect our lives."

The grants were awarded under the terms of the Firefighting Vehicle Acquisitions Program, which helps communities buy such vehicles as pumpers, brush trucks, tankers, rescue vehicles, ambulances, aerials, fireboats and multiple feature vehicles known as quints.

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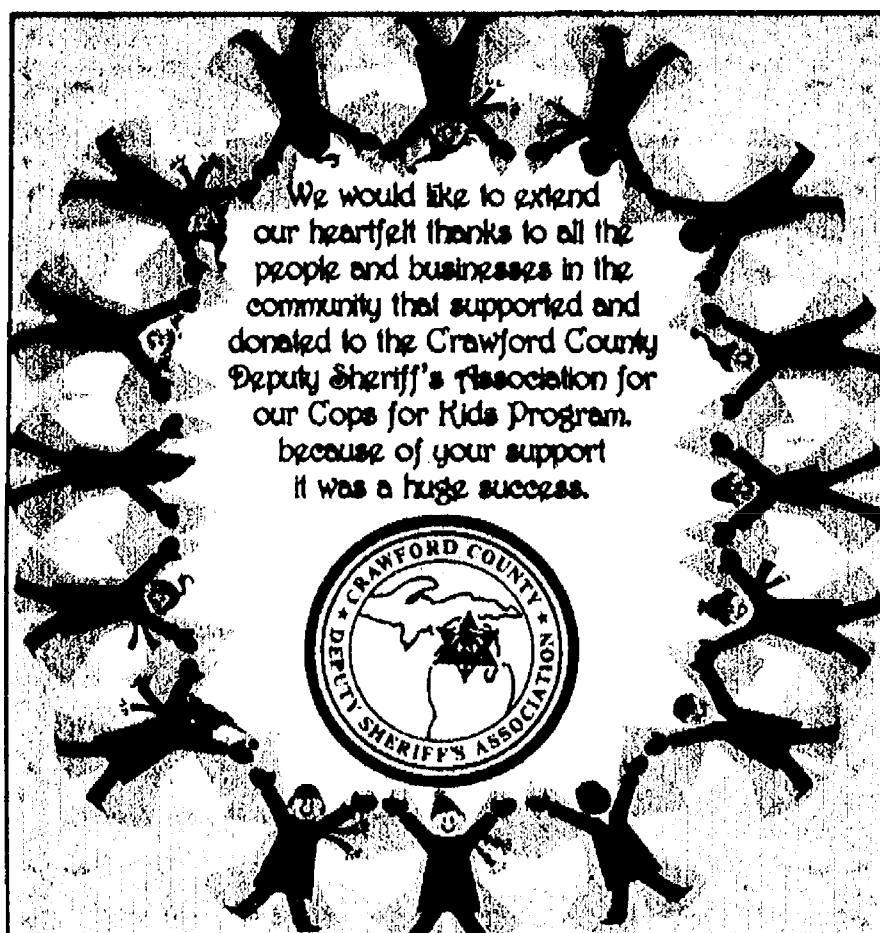


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Commissioners OK trail signage plan

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trail users and tourism and business officials to continue meeting on unresolved trail issues.

The committee had agreed to reduce the penalty for riding on the trail down from \$500 to \$75 fine for a first-offense and \$150 for a second-offense.

County officials are holding off on moving forward with the ordinance until an alternative trail can be identified, which will likely involve the removal of trees along the fence line of the Grayling Army Airfield.

"We can not adopt an ordinance until all of the pieces of the puzzle are in place and they aren't," said Scott Hanson, vice chair-

man of the county board.

Motel and hotel owners fear losing dollars from snowmobilers because word of new regulations would spread like wildfire downstate.

"It's the 11th hour and there is no fix," said Keith Miles, co-owner of Fay's Motel.

Crawford County Road Commission officials were also encouraged to be in on the planning committee to discuss trail maintenance issues.

Don Babcock, the road commission manager, said the Michigan Department of Transportation could address trail maintenance in its contracts with the county.

"We can't spend money on something that's not in our jurisdiction," Babcock

said. "It's up to them how far we go."

Babcock said it was unclear on how funds could be obtained to replace the pavement on the trails since funding the alternative transportation projects began in President Bill Clinton's administration.

"Eventually those things are going to have to be resurfaced and its never gotten to the point where those waters have been tested," Babcock said.

County commissioners plan to work with DNR officials to have a designated snowmobile trail established on Old 27 between North Down River Road and Lewiston Grade Road, which would address access and maintenance issues for that stretch of the pathway system.

Frigid temperatures puts chill on area

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near the entrance of the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library shut down the library Monday so workers could make repairs.

Kevin Jamison, owner of Jansens Heating, Cooling and Plumbing, said his crews were run back to back calls to help homeowners with frozen pipes and no heat.

"People are just not prepared

for winter," Jamison said.

Paul Adkinson, a parts counter clerk for Riker Automotive, said he has been taking a lot of calls for towing jobs. Adkinson said that the business has also had a run on dry gas, thermostats and parts for snow plows.

"That has been booming," Adkinson said of the demand for snow plow parts.

Bruce Smith, a meteorologist

with the National Weather Service Station in Gaylord, said an arctic air mass which swept down from Canada and across the Great Lakes Region late Saturday caused the chilly temperatures.

Smith said that lake effect snow throughout the week will ensure that northern Michigan will have a white Christmas and a winter playground for snowmobilers and skiers.

"Between now and Christmas we will have several bouts of snow fall in the area," Smith said.

Smith said it is not atypical for the temperatures to drop this low in December.

"It's a little early to have these bitter, cold temperatures compared to the last couple of years, but it is not unusual," Smith said.

City working out details for lease of fire department

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and paying funds to the township.

"I don't want to throw good money after bad," McClain said.

The lease would pay the city \$19,600 for use of the fire department building. Any renovation costs would be added to the lease. The city would receive about \$27,000 in profits over the six years, depending on maintenance and utility costs for the

building, Lowe said.

The fire station is one of two locations identified as suitable sites for the storage of the bomb squad truck, said Connie Swander, lab director of the crime lab. Final approval of any lease would be made by the State Police Forensics Division and the Department of Management and Budget.

"Obviously, the fire barn is very convenient for us being on

site," Swander said.

The City of Grayling shared its city hall with the crime lab for several years, before moving out of the building in 2000 to help keep the crime lab in town. The state pays the city \$112,150 per year for use of the building.

Concerns over leasing the city hall to the state police became a concern shortly after the city entered into the 10-year lease with the state after city officials

learned of a plan to consolidate the state police northern Michigan headquarters with the crime lab in Gaylord.

Plans to move the lab have been shelved due to state budget woes.

"I think that's something they would like to do in Lansing is consolidate everything and put them in one location but there's no money to do it right now," Lowe said.

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Audubon International is an environmental organization whose mission is to improve the quality of the environment through research, education, and conservation assistance. The focus of Audubon International is to develop a comprehensive approach to promoting sound land management practices. These appropriate changes of land use are

based on sound scientific research.

The Audubon Signature Program was created for projects in the planning and development stages. "Through this program we work with landowners from the design stages through construction and then assist in establishing a maintenance program that focuses on sustainability," says Nancy E. Richardson, Signature Program Director. The Signature Program is guided by the Principles for Sustainable Resource Management.

To become certified, each Signature Member must produce and implement a Natural Resource Management (NRMP) for the property by addressing the following issues: Wildlife Conservation and Habitat Enhancement,

Water Quality Monitoring and Management, Integrated Pest Management, Water Conservation, Energy Efficiency, and Waste Management. The designation of Signature Status is contingent upon the quality and completeness of the NRMP and its implementation. To date, forty-four members have achieved the coveted Signature Certification. There are currently sixty-four other projects under construction and proceeding through the Signature Program process.

To learn more about the Signature Program, contact Nancy Richardson at 270-869-9419; e-mail at nrichardson@audubonintl.org; or write to Audubon Signature Program, 230 Second Street, Suite 311, Henderson, KY 42420-3145.

Amicare announces new Hospice Clinical Manager



Jody Moran, RN

Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice announces Jody Moran, RN, as Hospice Clinical Manager. Jody is a graduate of the Kirtland Community College Nursing Program. Jody brings to Mercy Amicare Hospice a diverse nursing background, including nursing home, community hospital, homecare, and hospice. In her spare time, Jody is involved in the activities of her 4 children. When asked about her role at Mercy Amicare Hospice, she said, "It is exciting, challenging, and fulfilling to be back in the area of nursing that I enjoy most."

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The electric load attributed to the holiday season equals 125 gigawatt-hours, enough power to

serve approximately 250,000 residential customers for a week. That's enough electricity to light 1.25 billion 100-watt light bulbs for one hour.

"Holiday lighting remains a very affordable way to help celebrate this special time of year," said Tim Petrosky, public information director for the utility.

It costs about four cents to keep 300 icicle lights on for four hours and about three cents to light a Christmas tree with 200 miniature lights for four hours. At seven cents per night, a month of holiday cheer with these indoor and outdoor decorations would cost about \$2.25.

Under those Christmas trees will be electric devices such as DVD players, video games and compact disc players. Even though the cost of operating some of these appliances throughout the new year is only a few cents a day, Consumers Energy encourages its customers to purchase energy-efficient models whenever possible for personal use and gift giving.

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Sentencings for November '04

Hon. Alton T. Davis

Kathleen Mary Beltnick, age 40 of Traverse City - Plead guilty to a probation violation on April 7, 2004; ordered on November 1, 2004 to pay \$300 circuit court costs, \$60 DNA assessment fee, \$60 crime victims rights fee, \$500 penal fine and \$350 attorney fee.

Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

Steven Daniel Brown, age 44 of Essexville - Plead guilty on October 7, 2004 to operating under the influence of liquor/per se third-offense; sentenced to serve 180 days in jail with credit given for 80 days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$300

circuit court costs, \$500 penal fine and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for 18 months; ordered to perform 60 days of community service.

Sandra Michelle Fiebelkorn, age 42 of Roscommon - Plead guilty on September 10, 2004 to embezzlement agent \$200 - \$1,000; sentenced on November 4, 2004 to 30 days in jail held in abeyance with credit for two days served; ordered to pay \$2,100 in restitution, \$45 state minimum costs, \$50 crime victim rights fee, \$250 penal fine and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for 18 months.

Derek Eugene Vojinov, age 21 of Grayling - Plead guilty on September 10, 2004 to larceny-

from a motor vehicle; sentenced on November 11, 2004 to serve 365 days in jail with credit for 149 days served; ordered to pay \$35 restitution, \$60 crime victim right fee, \$60 state minimum costs, \$300 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee.

Hon. John G. Hunter

Charles Lewis Williams, age 19 of Grayling - Plead guilty on April 27, 2004 to home invasion second-degree; sentenced on November 30, 2004 to serve 365 days in jail with credit for 57 days served; ordered to pay \$12,085 in restitution, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$60 state minimum costs, \$300 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for 24 months.

BIRTHS

Tiffany and Christoph Voelkel of Grayling, announce the birth of their daughter, Lilli Marie, born at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on December 1, 2004, at 9:53 p.m., weighing 7 lbs. 10.5 ozs., and measuring 20 inches long.

Connie Mize of Roscommon, announces the birth of her daughter, Alexis Mary Helen, born at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on December 4, 2004 at 11:16 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 2 ozs. and measuring 18 3/4 inches long.

M.A.T.E.S. raises funds for local children

On December 17 the Automotive Section of the Camp Grayling Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site, M.A.T.E.S., facility had a luncheon for over 75 people in an effort to supply gifts to children of families in the Crawford County area.

Through the contributions of

the M.A.T.E.S., Camp Grayling and State employees and donations from Glen's Market and other businesses and individuals, they raised \$530 and collected numerous toys to donate to the Crawford County Christian Help Center, who are overseeing the distribution of the gifts.

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Jessica Green of Grayling has been named to the Dean's List for the fall term at Northwood University. The announcement was made by Dr. Eugene C. Beckham, academic dean of the university. She is the daughter of Karl and Cheri Green of Grayling.

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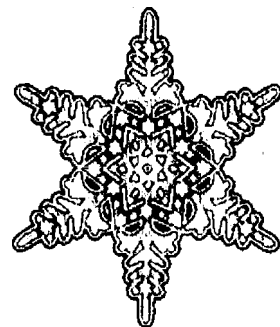
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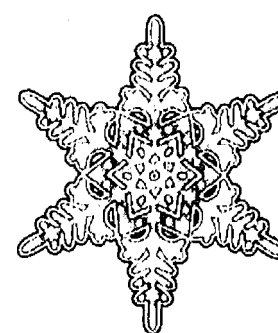
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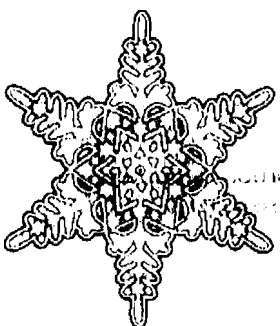
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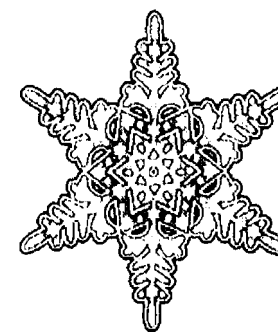
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 Fenton's Auto 23 - 26
 Gray-Rock Cafe 13 - 36
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 Bear's Den Pizza 31 - 29
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 AJD Forest Product 32 - 24
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Friday Mixed Doubles
 American Legion 4 - 0
 Double Trouble 4 - 0
 Moshier Auto Repair 3 - 1
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 Lucky & Laura 1 - 3
 Bye 1 - 3
 IMM 0 - 4
 4.F.I. 0 - 4
 High Series Men: D. Canfield, 612; D. Wallace, 597; C. Hanson, 574.
 High Game Men: D. Wallace, 234; D. Canfield, 233; C. Hanson, 219.
 High Series Women: S. France, 488; S.

Johnson, 478; M. Moshier, 465.
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 Carey & Jaskowski 40 - 20
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Wrestling team defeats Braves, Bobcats

■ Vikings finish 4th at Bridgeport tournament on Saturday

The GHS wrestling team defeated the Houghton Lake Bobcats and Tawas Braves in a meet at Houghton Lake last Thursday.

The Vikings outscored the Bobcats 48-27. Winners for Grayling included: Ben Brown (103), pin; Eric Madill (125), pin; TJ Cardoza (135), 8-4 decision; Jeff Bancroft (145), forfeit; Kevin LaTreille (160), pin; Troy Wilson (171), pin; Jesse CdeBaca (189), 7-2 decision; Joe Ferrigan (215), pin; Bill Stewart (275), forfeit.

Grayling defeated a rebuilding Tawas team 66-12. Brown (103), Madill (125), CdeBaca (189), and Ferrigan (215) all won their matches by pin. Cardoza (135), Jacob Reynolds (140), Bancroft (145), Cory Shear (152), LaTreille (160), Wilson (171), and Stewart (275) won by forfeit.

On Saturday, the Vikings competed against Bridgeport, Beaverton, Capac, Marysville, Midland Dow, and Ypsilanti at the Bearcat Challenge at Bridgeport. Grayling finished fourth overall as a team.

Grayling opened the tournament with matches against Beaverton. The Vikings won 60-21. Winners for GHS: Brown (103), pin; Madill (125), pin; Cody Malone (130), pin; TJ Bellish (140), pin; Bancroft (145), pin; LaTreille (160), forfeit; Wilson (171), forfeit.

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See "WRESTLING..."



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Ben Brown (103) wrestles against Beaverton in Saturday's Bearcat Challenge tournament at Bridgeport.



TJ Cardoza (135) wrestles a Harrison opponent in Saturday's meet at Bridgeport.

Vikings move to 4-0 with two more victories

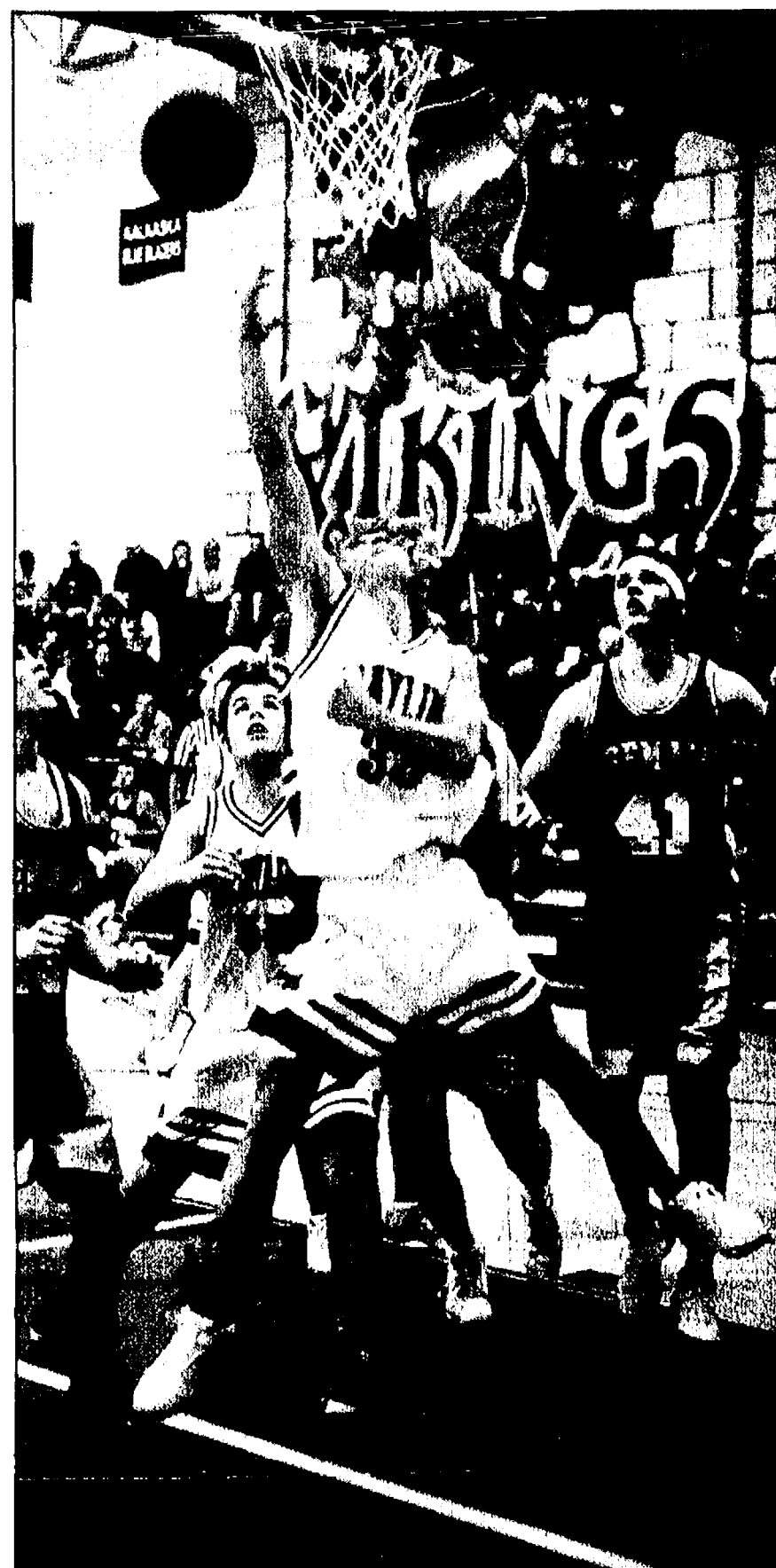
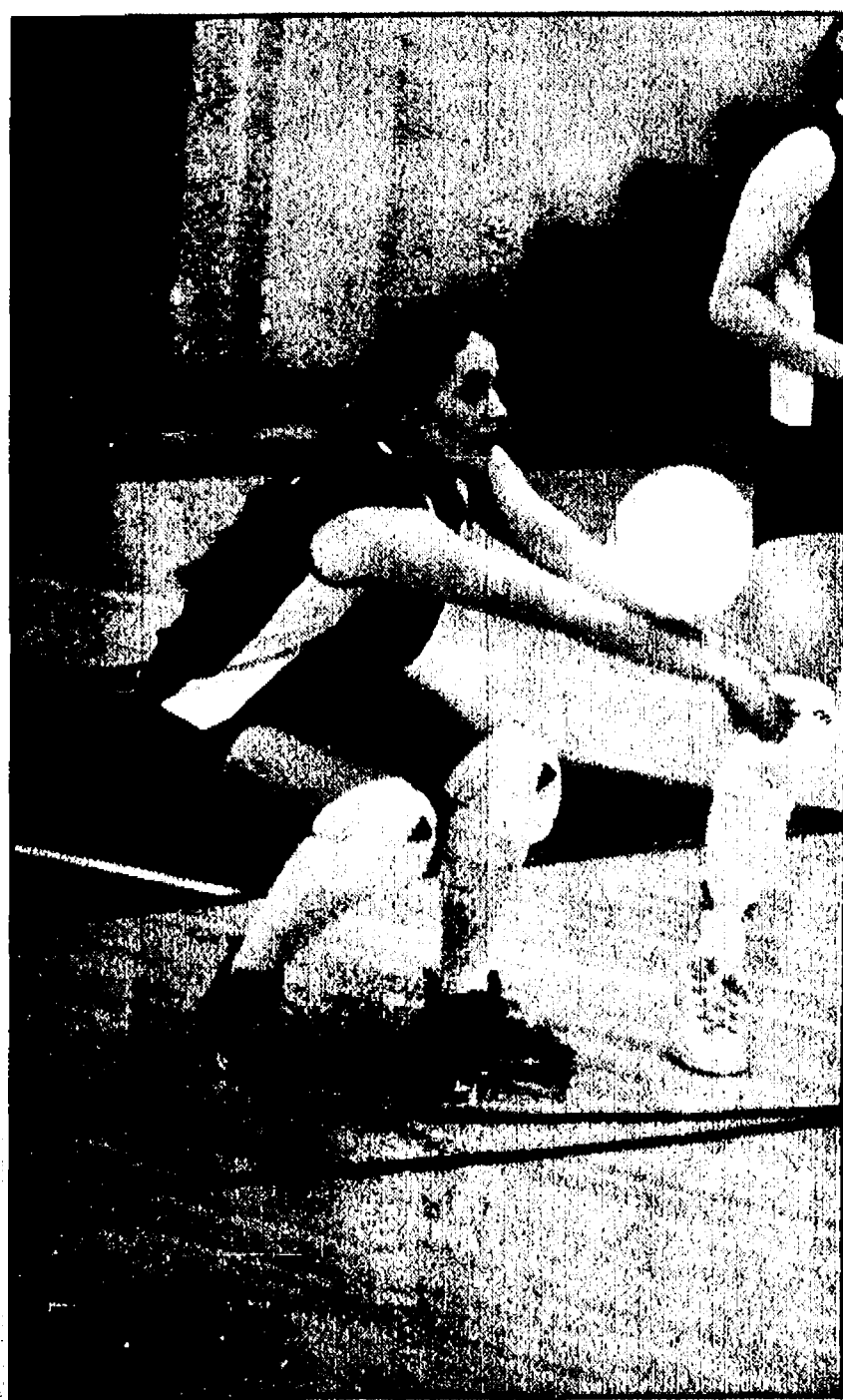


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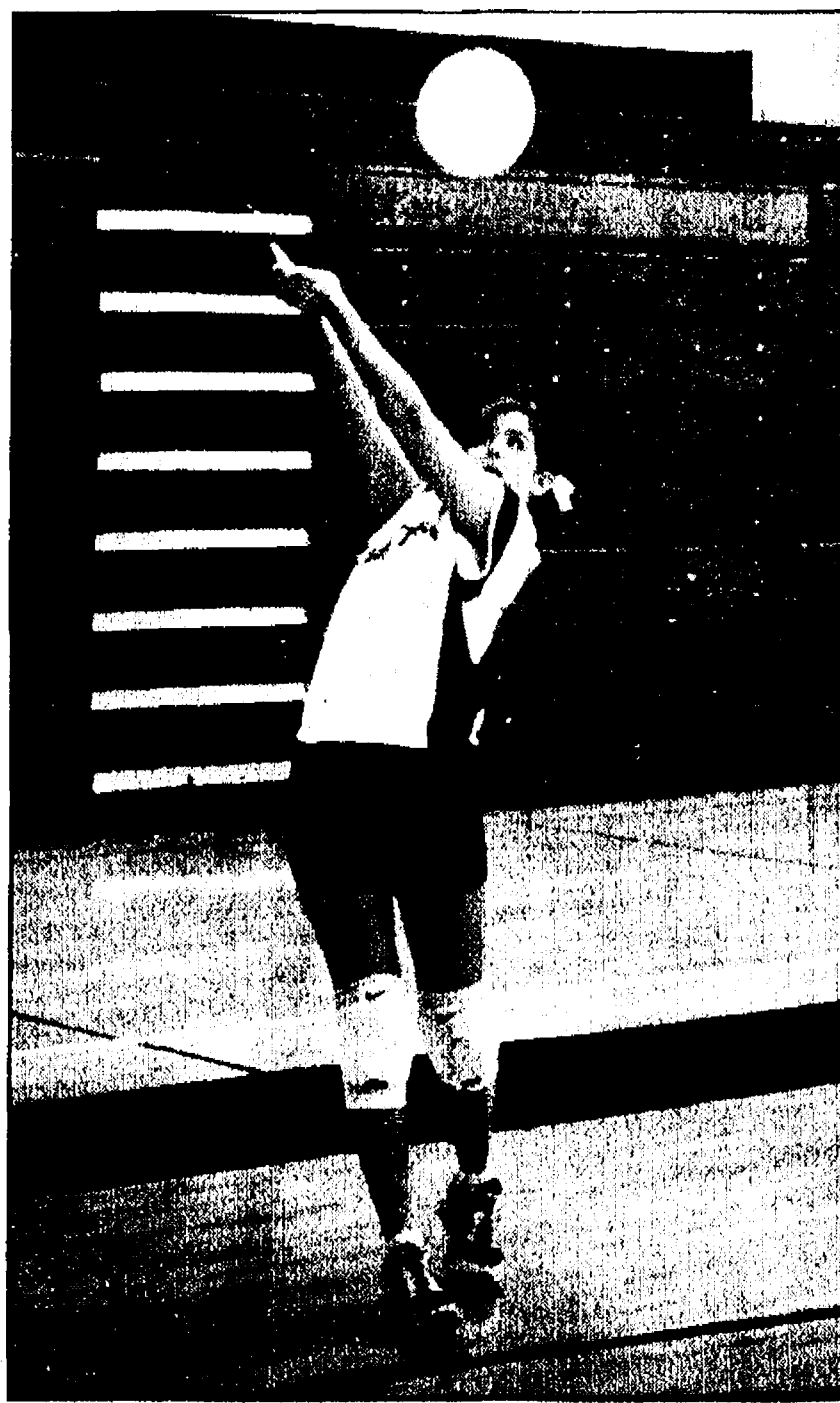
Gibson Tobin drives to the basket for Grayling in last Tuesday's 86-63 victory over the Ogemaw Heights Falcons. On Friday, Grayling defeated Harbor Springs 77-48 to improve its season record to 4-0. For more on the team, see Page 3B.

Volleyball teams host Red Devils of East Jordan



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Alyssa Farrell handles a serve for the Vikings in last Thursday's varsity volleyball meet vs. East Jordan. For more on the varsity team, see Page 4B.



Megan Burrick hits a ball from the back row in Thursday night's JV volleyball meet against the Red Devils. For more on the junior varsity team, see Page 10B.



Ashley McMann hits a ball near the net in last week's freshman girls volleyball game vs. East Jordan. For more on the 9th grade team, see Page 10B.

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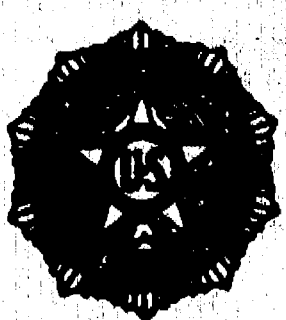
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Vikings move to 4-0 with two more victories

Grayling wins home games vs. Ogemaw Heights, Harbor Springs

With a strong start and a strong finish, the GHS varsity boys basketball team defeated the Rams of Harbor Springs 77-48 at Grayling High School last Friday, improving Grayling's season record to 4-0 (1-0 in conference play).

The Vikings opened the game with a 19-0 run and led 24-3 at the end of the first quarter. Grayling had a 38-21 advantage at halftime and the Vikings took a 58-40 edge into the fourth quarter. In the final eight minutes, Grayling outscored Harbor

Springs 19-8 to seal the victory, its fourth in as many games.

On Tuesday night, the Vikings won their third straight game of the year with an 86-63 victory over West Branch Ogemaw Heights in Grayling.

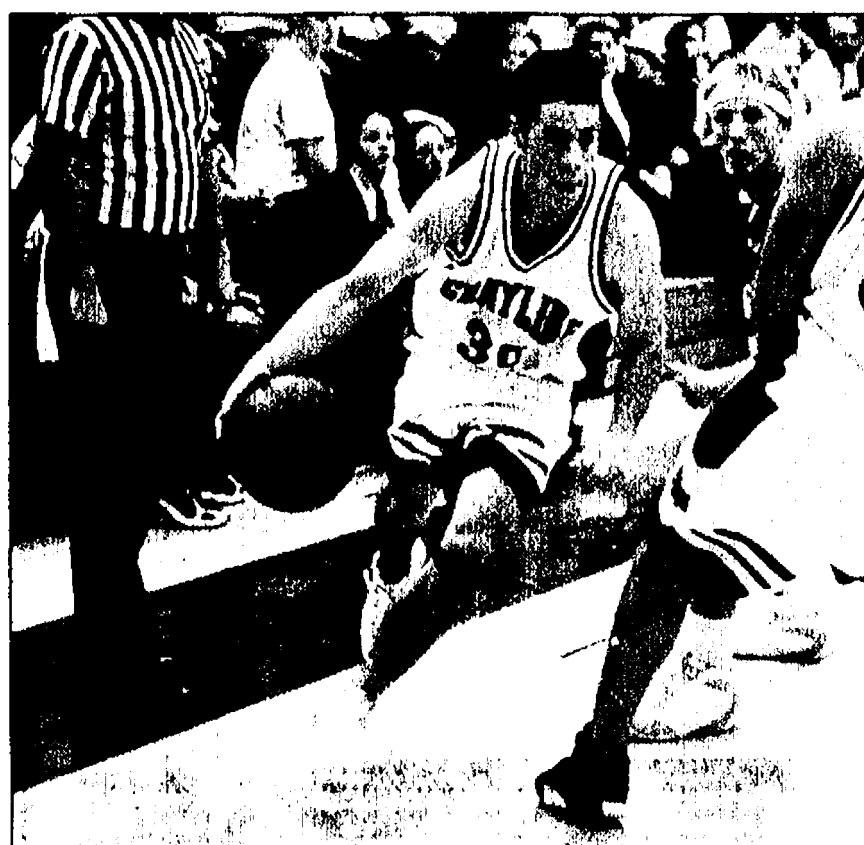
GHS led 25-17 after a high-scoring first quarter. The Vikings had a 10-point lead at halftime, 45-35.

Grayling led 64-47 going into the fourth period, and outscored Ogemaw 22-16 down the stretch to secure the win.

The Vikings do not play again until after winter break. The Vikings play at Pinconning on January 4 in a non-conference match-up and host Boyne City, a Lake Michigan Conference team, on Friday, January 7.



Eli VanNuck goes up for a lay-up in Tuesday's game against Ogemaw Heights.

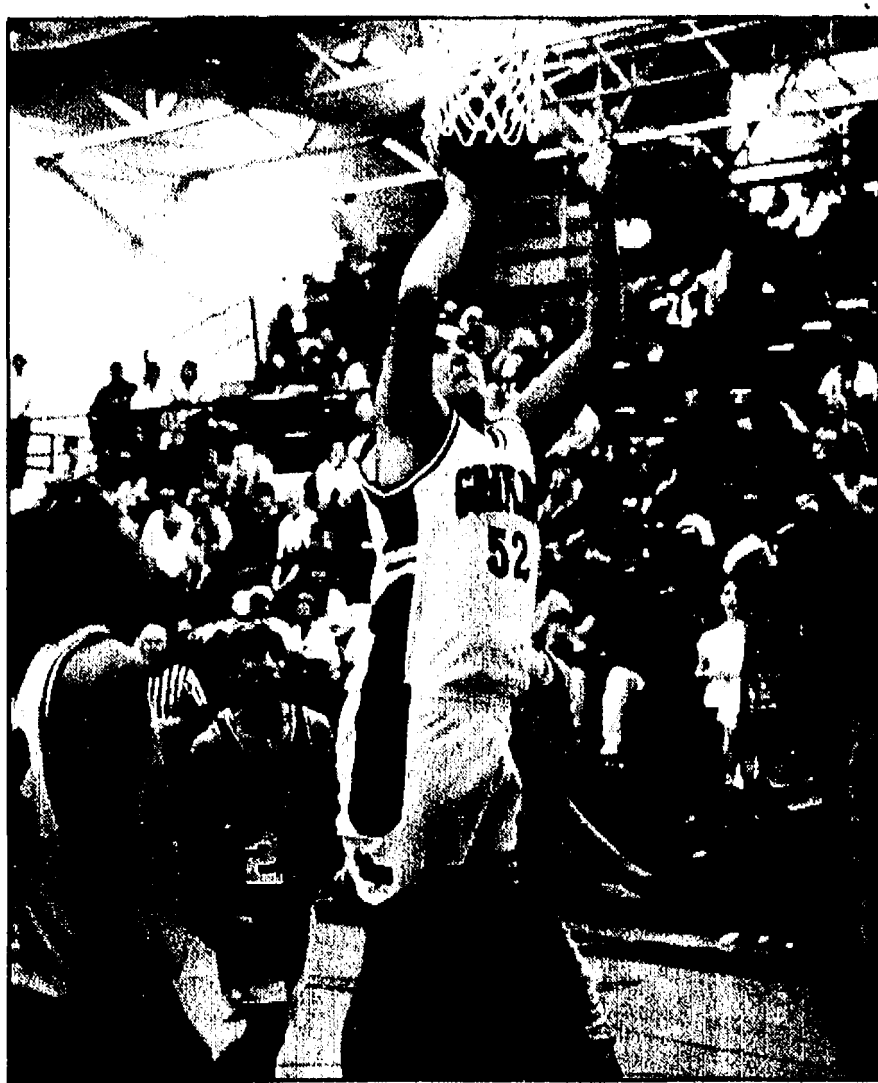


Reagan Schmidt handles the ball for Grayling on Tuesday night.



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Josh Millikin drives to the basket for Grayling vs. West Branch Ogemaw Heights.



Mike Boylan takes an inside shot for the Vikings on Tuesday.



Josh Hinkle shoots a lay-up for Grayling.

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


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Four Vikings earn league honors

Four Grayling High School girls basketball players earned all-league recognition in the Lake Michigan Conference this year.

Mandy Czapek was named to the all-conference first team and Katie Baynham, Michelle McGuire, and Trisha Petersen each earned an honorable mention.

Czapek, a senior, was also named to the *Traverse City Record-Eagle* all-region first team and the *Detroit Free Press* all-state team as an honorable mention.



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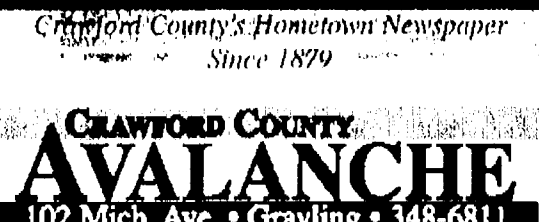
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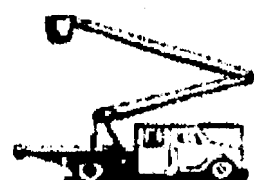
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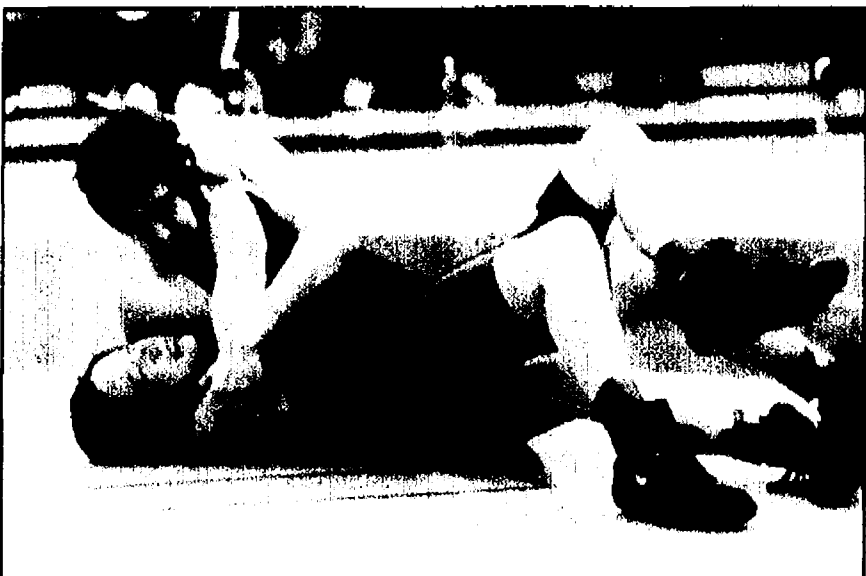
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Jeff Bancroft grapples with a Bridgeport wrestler on Saturday.



TJ Bellish wrestles against Beaverton at Bridgeport on Saturday.

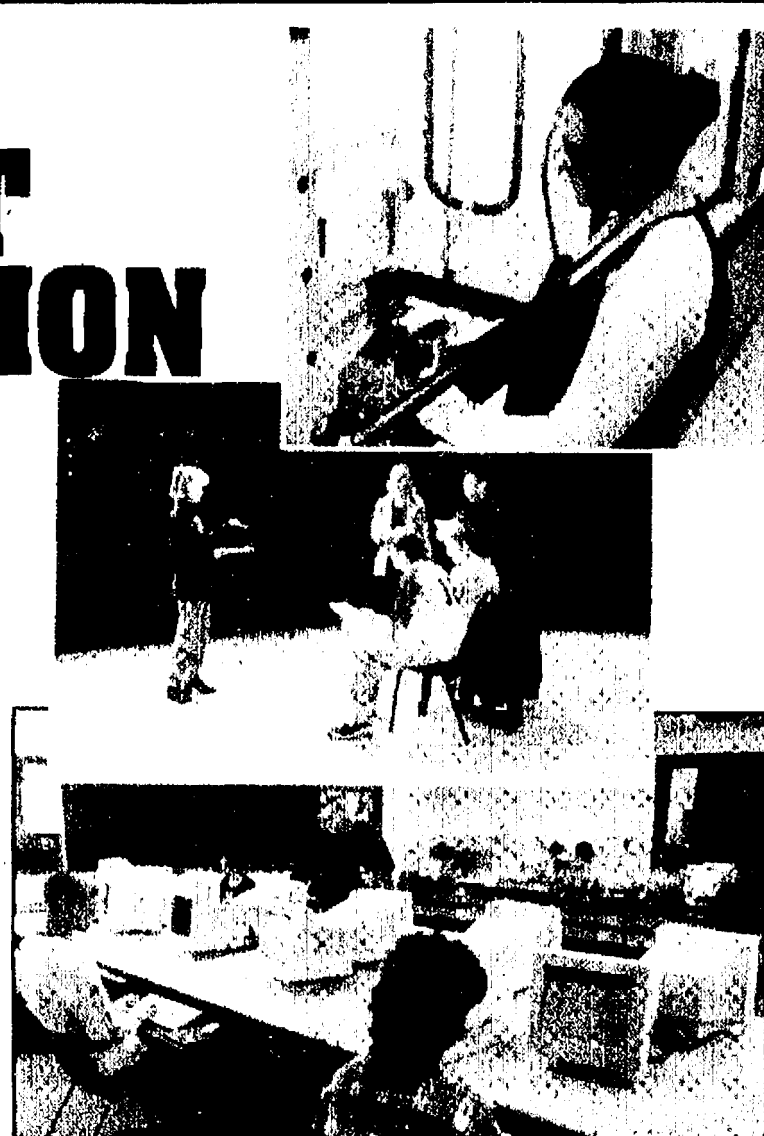


Cody Malone wrestles his Beaverton counterpart at Saturday's tournament at Bridgeport.



Joe Ferrigan tries for a pin against a Beaverton wrestler.

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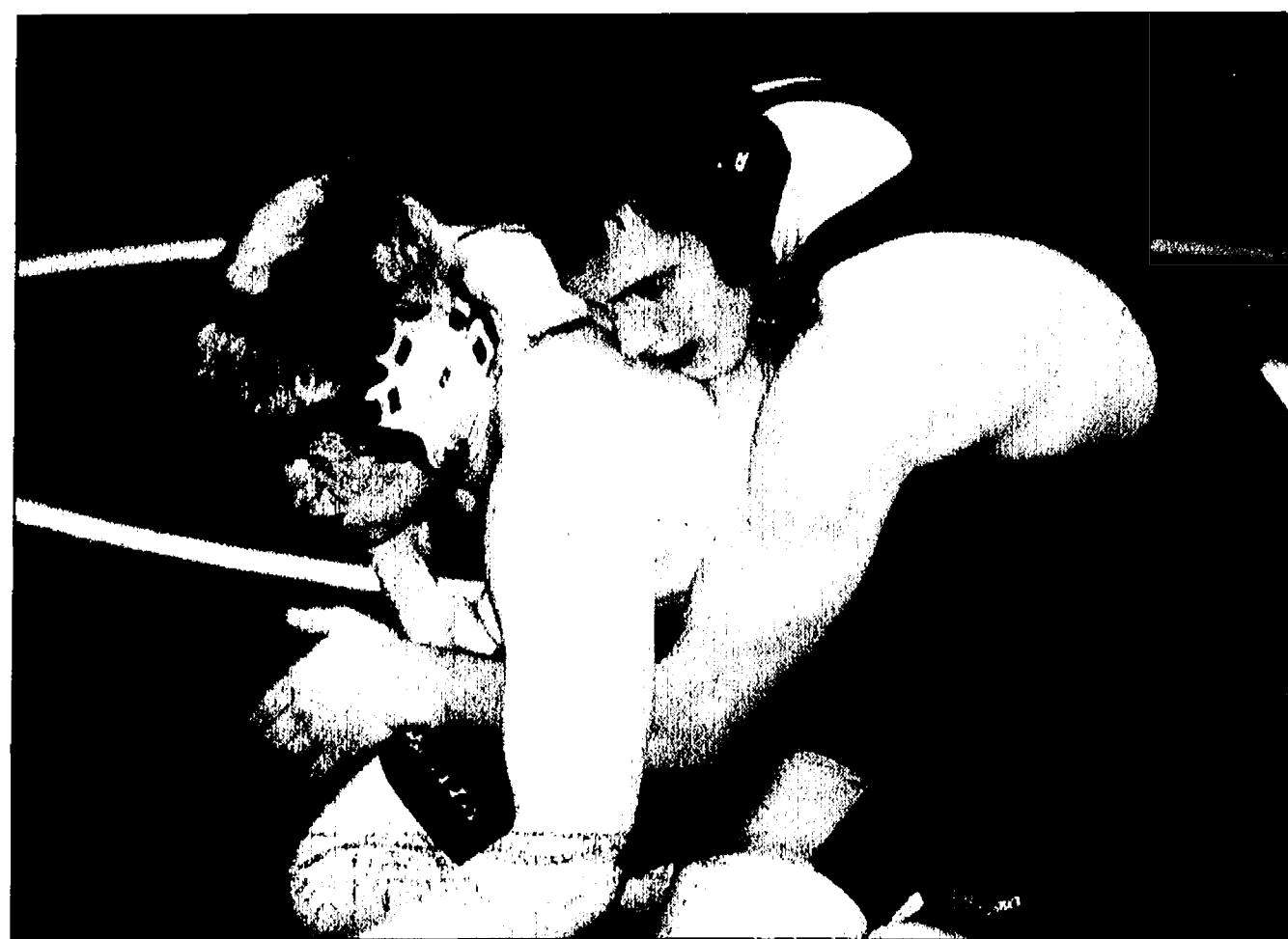
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Jesse CdeBaca grapples with a wrestler from Harrison in Saturday's Bearcat Challenge tournament at Bridgeport.

Wrestling team defeats Braves, Bobcats

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CdeBaca (189), forfeit; Ferrigan (215), pin; Stewart (275), pin.

In the second round, Grayling lost by two points to Marysville, 39-37. Winners for Grayling: Brown (103), pin; Cardoza (135), forfeit; Bellish (140), 5-3 decision; Bancroft (145), 6-0

decision; LaTreille (160), pin; Wilson (171), pin; Stewart (275), forfeit.

Grayling then wrestled Bridgeport and won 50-22. Winners for GHS: Brown (103), pin; Madill (125), pin; Malone (130), forfeit; Bellish (140), forfeit; Bancroft (145), 5-3 deci-

sion; Shear (152), pin; LaTreille (160), forfeit; Wilson (171), pin; CdeBaca (189), forfeit.

The Vikings then lost to undefeated Ypsilanti in the semi-finals by a final score 35-24. Grayling winners included: Bellish (140), pin; Bancroft (140), 10-7 decision; LaTreille (160), pin; Wilson (171), 12-7 decision; Stewart (275), pin.

For third place, GHS had to wrestle Marysville again, and lost 44-33 to finish the tournament in fourth place.

Winners for Grayling: Brown (103), pin; Madill (125), pin; Malone (130), pin; Bancroft (145), 4-1 decision; LaTreille (160), forfeit; Wilson (171), pin; Stewart (275), forfeit.

Three Vikings - Bancroft, Wilson, and LaTreille - were undefeated at the tournament. LaTreille was also named the most valuable wrestler of the tournament (by vote of all coaches at the event).

The Vikings will wrestle in a 16-team holiday tournament on December 28 at Freeland.

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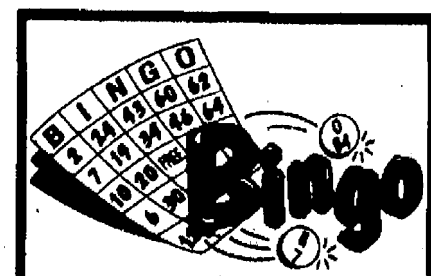
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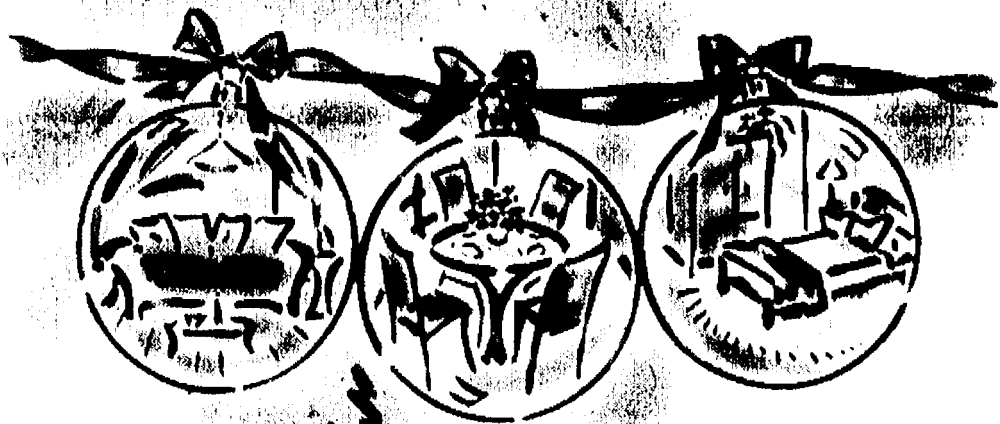
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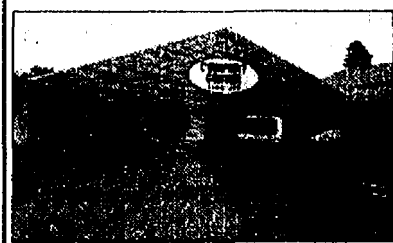
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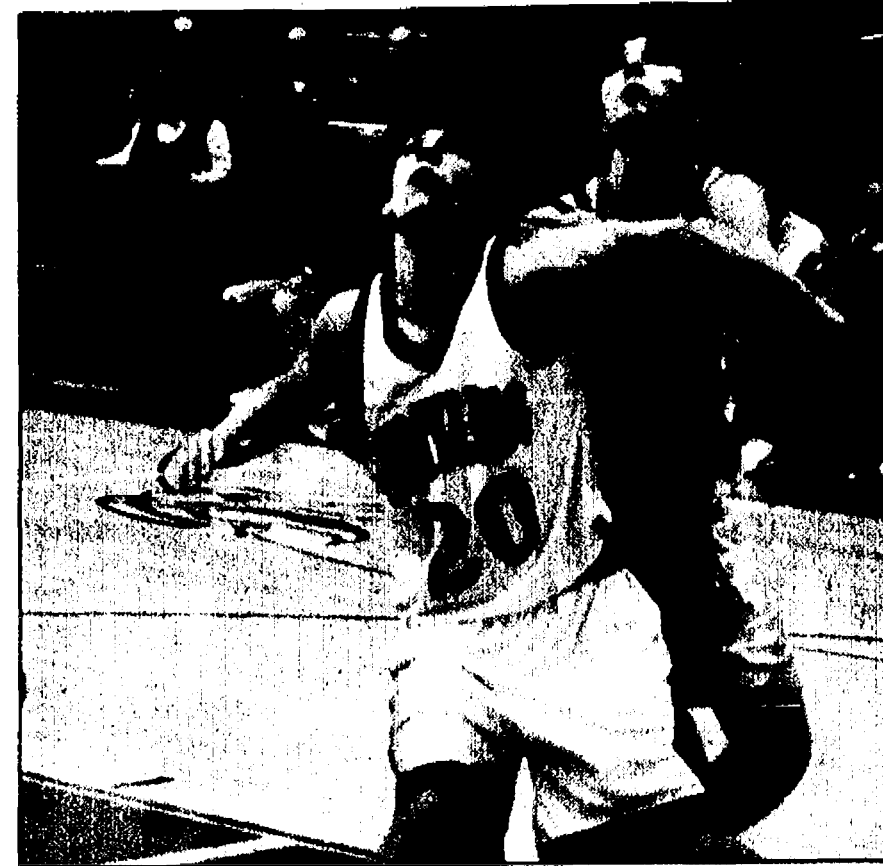
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Josh Stapleton handles the ball for the Vikings in last Tuesday's freshman basketball game vs. Ogemaw Heights. Ogemaw won the game 75-46.



Nick Parkinson boxes out on a rebound attempt for GHS in Tuesday night's junior varsity basketball game against Ogemaw. The Falcons won 59-38.

JV, freshman teams fall to Ogemaw



Lucas Pippin takes a jump shot for the freshman team on Tuesday night.

The GHS junior varsity boys basketball team lost to West Branch Ogemaw Heights and Harbor Springs in home games last week.

On Tuesday, the Vikings fell to Ogemaw 59-38. Grayling trailed by five at halftime and seven after three quarters, but Ogemaw pulled away down the stretch.

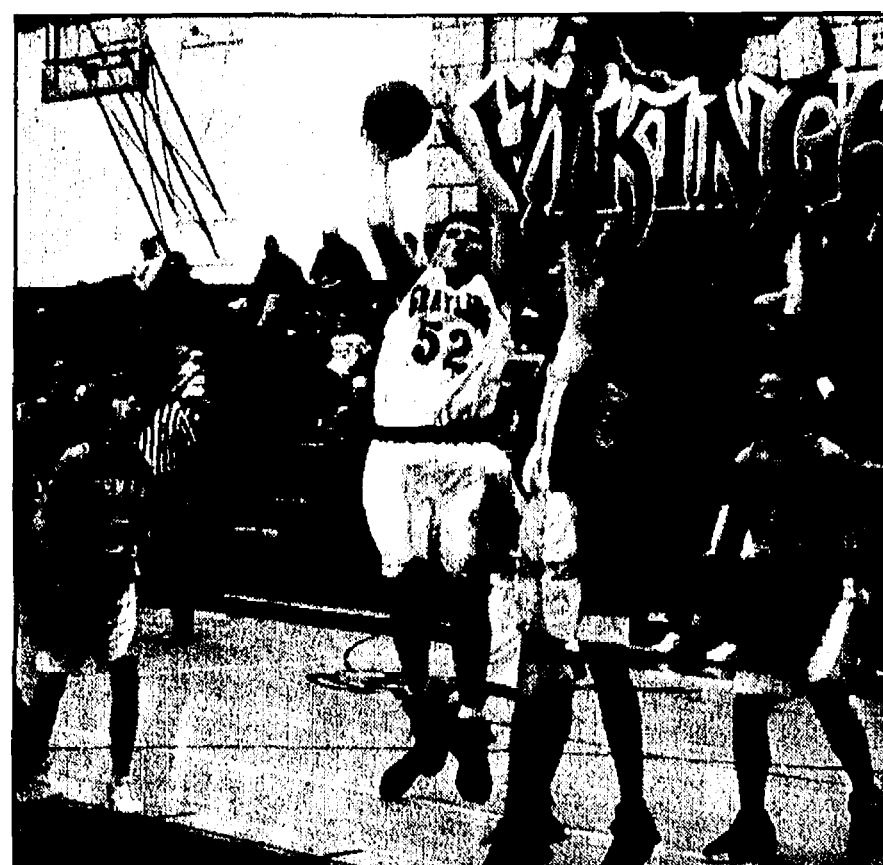
"We had our chances to win this game, going into the fourth quarter down by seven, but they outscored us in the fourth,"

Coach Chris Kucharek said. Jeremiah Bootz (8), Patrick Belcher (7), Nick Parkinson (7), and Jason Drudge (6) were the leading scorers for GHS.

On Friday, the Vikings lost to Harbor Springs 68-37.

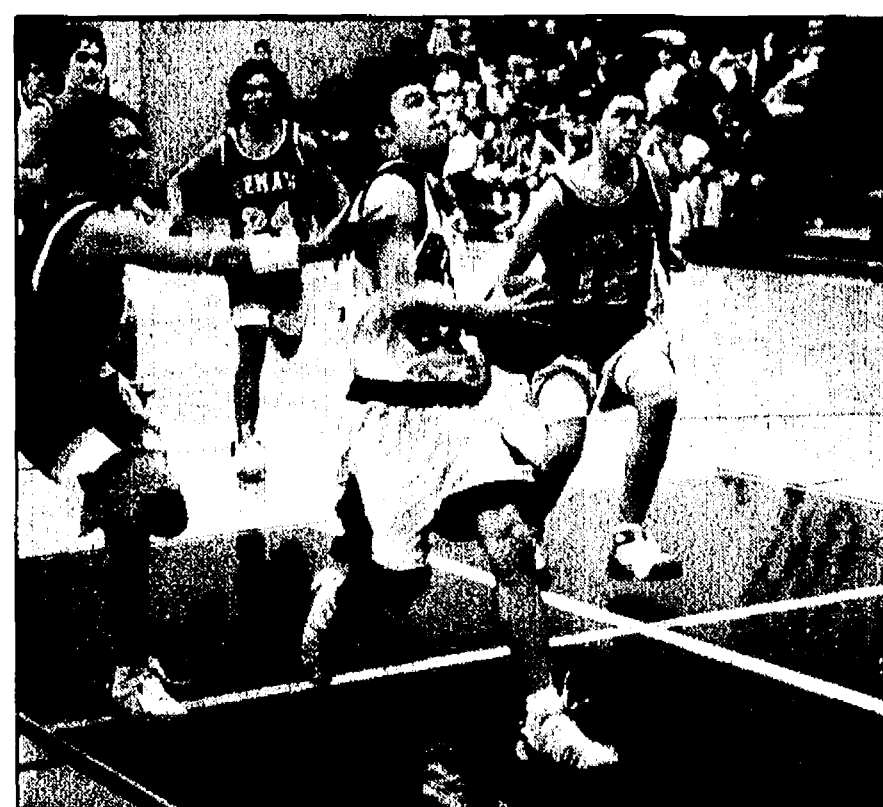
Rocky McNamara led Grayling with 10 points. Bootz added 8.

"Jeremiah and Rocky played an outstanding game, but Harbor has a very strong team," Coach Kucharek said.



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Jeremiah Bootz shoots from inside the key in last week's contest vs. West Branch Ogemaw Heights.



Patrick Belcher drives to the basket for Grayling in Tuesday night's JV basketball game.

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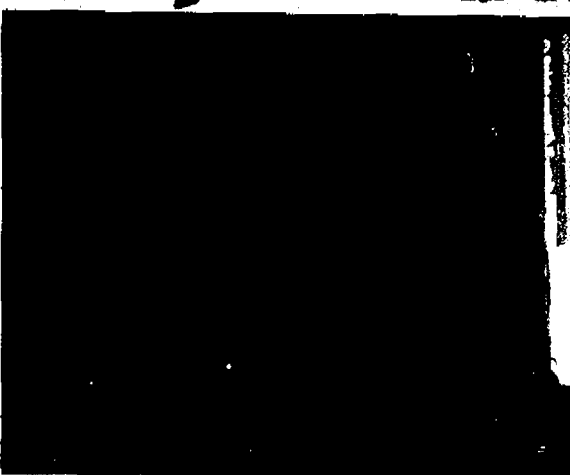


Varsity Volleyball
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Alyssa, a senior, was selected for her excellent net play combined with solid back row play last week.

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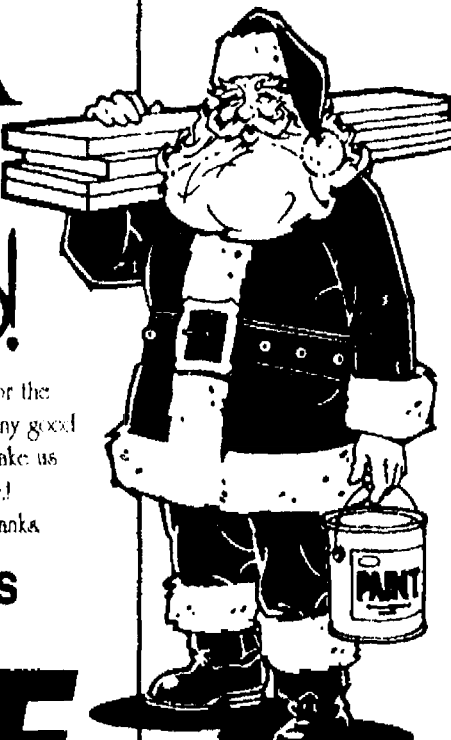


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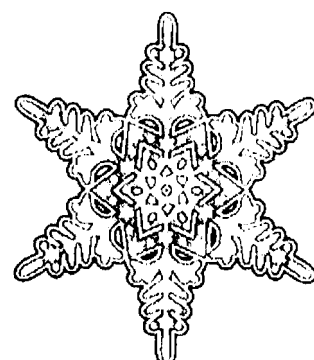
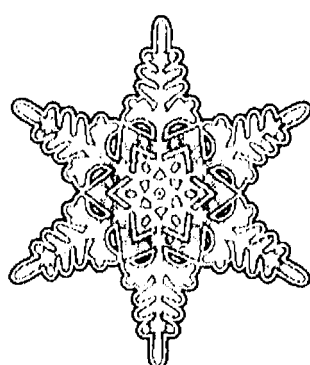


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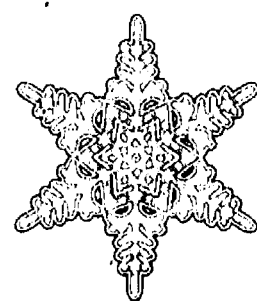


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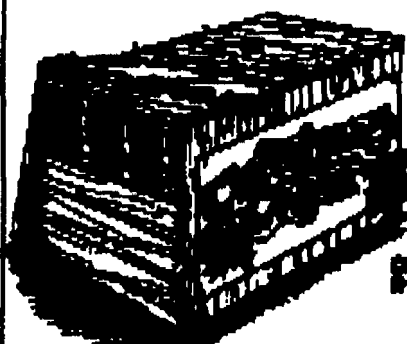
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Monica Peters hits a ball for Grayling in last Thursday's freshman girls volleyball game vs. East Jordan at GHS. The Red Devils won the best of three series two games to one.



Monica Leslie goes up for a hit in Thursday night's junior varsity volleyball game against the Red Devils of East Jordan. East Jordan won the series 2-0.

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Abby Wheeler goes up for a shot at the net in Thursday night's junior varsity volleyball series vs. East Jordan.



Jamie Hagerman hits the ball for Grayling in last week's freshman game against the Red Devils.

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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles D. Demoines, a single man and Liberty J. Galvani, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Michigan State Housing Development Authority, Mortgagee, dated July 24, 2000, and recorded on August 8, 2000 in Liber 514 on Page 179, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Eight And 14/100 Dollars (\$13,698.14), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 12, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 6, Block 17, r/f-fee's Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11,

Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale. In accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 9, 2004

For more information, please call: FC R 248.593.1305

Trott & Trott, P.C.
 Attorneys For Michigan State Housing Development Authority
 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #042480F01

-9-16-23-30

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott D. Baker, a married man, original mortgagor(s), to Centex Home Equity Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated May 27, 2003, and recorded on June 20, 2003 in Liber 641 on Page 194, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Five And 06/100 Dollars (\$44,505.06), including interest at 9.99%

per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 5, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 47, Roy L. Estates according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 03 of Plats, Page 38 Crawford County Records Township of Grayling County Michigan. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 2, 2004

For more information, please call: FC P 248.593.1313

Trott & Trott, P.C.
 Attorneys For Centex Home Equity Company, LLC
 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #010075F03

-2-9-16-23

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may

be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas A. Sorenson, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 3, 2003, and recorded on February 21, 2003 in Liber 621 on Page 029, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Two Thousand Five Hundred Twenty and 65/100 (92,520.65), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 19, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 3 Red Wing Terrace, as recorded in Liber 4, on Page 22, of Plats

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 16, 2004

For more information, please call: FC X 248.593.1302

Trott & Trott, P.C.
 Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #043032F01

-16-23-30-6

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248) 539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Heather Gorski, a married woman and Helmut Fritz, a married man, to the Huntington National Bank successor by merger to Empire National Bank, Mortgagee, dated May 19, 2000, and recorded on July 12, 2000 in Liber 0511 on Page 311, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty Thousand Eighty Five 22/100 Dollars (\$30,085.22), including interest at 9.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in

said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 a.m. on January 12, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 16, Wakeley Woods Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of plats, page 18, Crawford County Records. Tax Parcel ID#: 20-040-45-930-00-016-00.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 29, 2004

THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO EMPIRE NATIONAL BANK, Mortgagee
 Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.

23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
 Southfield, Michigan 48075

-9-16-23-30-6

The Grayling Housing Commission is requesting bids for the following insurance to be effective from January 1, 2005 to January 1, 2006.

1. Fire and extended coverage in the amount of \$6,072,695.00.
2. Scheduled liability policy with a \$500,000.00 single bodily injury and property damage limit.
3. Public Official Liability Umbrella Coverage of \$1,000,000.00.
4. Full coverage for 1997 Dodge Pickup

Please contact the Grayling Housing Commission, Guy Quigley, (989) 348-3097 for any further information. Bids must be received by December 27, 2004.

LEGAL ACTION

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Steve N Dmytrusz, II and Susan M. Dmytrusz, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 13, 1999, and recorded on July 15, 1999 in Liber 486 on Page 82, and modified by Affidavit executed on November 16, 2004 and recorded on November 22, 2004 in Liber 672 on Page 631, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Fourteen And 66/100 Dollars (\$158,614.66) including interest at 7.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 19, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Description No. 1: The East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

Description No. 2: The East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

Description No. 3: The West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The property is now known as: The East 3/4 of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, containing 15 acres combined.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 16, 2004
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Countrywide Home Loans, Inc.

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #040906F01

-16-23-30-6

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Denise Marie Elekonich, a married woman and Jerry L. Elekonich, her husband, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 21, 1999, and recorded on June 17, 1999 in Liber 484 on Page 168, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. as assignee by an assignment dated May 21, 1999 recorded on September 15, 1999 in Liber 490 on Page 532, and rerecorded on October 26, 1999, in Liber 494 on Page 3, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Nine and 34/100 Dollars (\$86,759.34), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 a.m. on January 19, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot No. 7 Shangri-La Subdivision, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, According to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 3 and 4, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 16, 2004
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Countrywide Home

Loans, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd. Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File # 042619F01

-16-23-30-6

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Debra Copenhaver a/k/a Deborah Ann Copenhaver and Samuel Copenhaver a/k/a Samuel Raymond Copenhaver by Deborah Ann Copenhaver, as conservator of Samuel Raymond Copenhaver as evidenced by the Letter of Conservatorship, wife and husband joint tenants in common, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated January 22, 2004, and recorded on January 23, 2004 in Liber 665 on Page 404, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Three hundred Thirty-Four And 03/100 Dollars (\$72,334.03) including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 19, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 5 and 6 Block 5, Hadleys Amended Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling Crawford County Michigan according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 08, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance

with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 16, 2004
For more information, please call:
FC W 248.593.1312
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #042128F01

-16-23-30-6

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Ricky Egan, unmarried man to Access Mortgage and Financial, a Michigan Corporation Mortgagee, dated February 21, 2003 and recorded February 27, 2003 in Liber 621, Page 490, Crawford County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned to: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., by assignment dated February 27, 2003 and recorded June 30, 2003 in Liber 641, Page 413, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars and Sixty-One Cents (\$129,638.61) including interest 8.4% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00AM, on Wednesday, January 5, 2005. Said premises are situated in City of Roscommon, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel "A - 2": Being a part of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of section 32, T25N, R1W, described as follows: Beginning at the West 1/4 - corner of said section 32 for a point of beginning; thence N 00 degrees 53 minutes 00 seconds W along section line, 472.50 feet; thence S 86 degrees 41 minutes 00 seconds E, 1309.6 feet; thence S 00 degrees 49 minutes 00 seconds E along 1/8 line 472.95 feet; thence N 86 degrees 39 minutes 30 seconds W along the E & W 1/4 - line, 1309.00 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 11475 Flooter Rd, Roscommon MI 48063 The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948C1. 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: DECEMBER 2, 2004 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd, Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 04-30084 ASA#621707 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

GARY & SANDRA CUSTER, Husband and Wife
Plaintiff

v.
RICHARD & TRACEY ARDEMA, Husband and Wife
Defendants

Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.
By: Kyle T. Legel (P59523)
Attorney for Plaintiff
2373 S. I-75 Business Loop
Grayling, MI 49738
989 348-5232

NOTICE OF LAND CONTRACT FORECLOSURE BY SALE CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C., is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

In pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford State of Michigan, made and entered in the above entitled cause on the 8th day of November 2004, notice is hereby given that the Crawford County Clerk shall sell at public sale to the highest bidder, at the front door of the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan on the 28th day of January 2005 at 10:00 in the forenoon the following described property, situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan and more particularly described as follows:

Parcel 3: Being a part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 7; thence S 88°00'E, 662.4 feet to point of Beginning; thence N1°46'E, 331.2 feet; thence S87°51'E, 333.19 feet; thence S32°W along 1/4 line, 331.0 feet; thence N87°54'W, 334.53 feet

to Point of Beginning
Dated: December 13, 2004
Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.

-16-23-30-6-13-20

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

ROUCHELL CHILDRESS, Plaintiff

v.
RUTH WARE and GARY GUNNELS Defendants

Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.
By: Kyle T. Legel (P59523)
Attorney for Plaintiff
2373 S. I-75 Business Loop
Grayling, MI 49738
989 348-5232

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In pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford State of Michigan, made and entered in the above entitled cause on the 3rd day of December 2004, notice is hereby given that the Crawford County Clerk shall sell at public sale to the highest bidder, at the front door of the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan on the 28th day of January 2005 at 10:00 in the forenoon the following described property, situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan and more particularly described as follows:

The North 1/2 of West 1/2 of East 1/2 of Northeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4, Section 9, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, including a 1979 14x70 Academy Mobile Home, Serial No. 0533415M 14x70.

Dated: December 10, 2004
Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.

-16-23-30-6-13-20

FREDERIC TOWNSHIP CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN REVOCABLE ELECTRIC SERVICE FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE granting to Wolverine Power Cooperative, its successors and assigns, the right, power, and franchise for a period of thirty (30) years from and after the adoption and approval hereof, to acquire, construct, maintain, or operate in the Township of Frederic the necessary facilities for the production, transmission, and sale of electric energy at wholesale to its member-distribution cooperatives and between Wolverine and other parties pursuant to wholesale power agreements, and to construct and maintain along, upon, across, or under the highways, streets, alleys, and other public places of the Township poles, wires, pipes or conduit and other necessary fixtures and equipment for such purposes within Frederic Township, and to use and occupy the highways, streets, alleys, and other public places of Frederic Township, Crawford County to set poles and string wires, lay pipes or conduits for the transmission of electricity, and to transact an electric business.

BE IT ORDAINED:

- Section 1.** Wolverine Power Cooperative, its successors and assigns, is hereby granted and vested with the non-exclusive right, power, and franchise for a period of thirty (30) years from and after the adoption and approval hereof, as provided by law, to acquire, construct, maintain, or operate in the Township of Frederic the necessary facilities for the production, transmission, and sale of electric energy at wholesale to its member-distribution cooperatives and between Wolverine and other parties pursuant to wholesale power agreements, and to construct and maintain along, upon, across, or under the highways, streets, alleys, and other public places of the Township poles, wires, pipes or conduit and other necessary fixtures and equipment for such purposes within Frederic Township.
- Section 2.**
- Section 3.** Wolverine shall save the Township harmless from any liability or judgment that may be made or recovered against the Township as a result of the construction or maintenance of the Wolverine's electric transmission system.
- Section 4.**

The franchise granted herein is revocable by the Township Board as provided by law.

This Ordinance will take effect upon publication of the Ordinance.

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

THE UNDERSIGNED, Nancy Bindschatel, Clerk of Frederic Township, certifies that the above Ordinance No. 2004 E entitled "Electric Service Franchise Ordinance" was adopted by the Frederic Township Board at a regular meeting held December 14, 2004 and the vote was as follows:

For: 5 Ayes Against: 0

Nancy Bindschatel, Township Clerk

NOTICE LOVELLS TOWNSHIP

There will be a public hearing on Tuesday, January 11th @ 4:30 p.m. to hear a Dimensional Variance request as submitted by Tahha N Harp to build a residence in Warbler's Hideaway Association that is not in compliance with Lovells Township Zoning restrictions.

Address any questions or concerns to the Lovells Township Zoning Administrator at 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, Michigan 49738. Phone 989-348-9215.

Terry Cusick
Lovells Township Zoning Board of Appeals

CITY OF GRAYLING ORDINANCE NO. 04

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE GRANTING OF A NON-EXCLUSIVE CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE TO CC MICHIGAN, LLC DOING BUSINESS AS CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS

THE CITY OF GRAYLING ORDAINS:

Section 1. The City Council of Grayling hereby authorizes the granting of a non-exclusive cable television franchise to CC Michigan, LLC, doing business as Charter Communications pursuant to the terms set forth in the City of Grayling, Michigan Nonexclusive 2004 Cable Television Franchise with CC Michigan LLC d/b/a Charter Communications, attached hereto.

Section 2. The City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney, Special Counsel and other City/Village/Township officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to effect and implement the City of Grayling, Michigan Nonexclusive 2004 Cable Television Franchise with CC Michigan LLC.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days following publication.

Moved by Larry Akers, seconded by Roger Moshier, that the foregoing ordinance be adopted.

YEAS: Joe Ferrigan, Roger Moshier, Larry Akers, Kim McClain, Dennis Palmer
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Ordinance declared adopted.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Crawford County Road Commission in conjunction with the Crawford County Transit Authority and the City of Grayling will be holding a Public Hearing during the regular scheduled Road Commission Board meeting, Wednesday, January 12, 2005 @ 10:00 a.m.

Meeting location shall be at the Crawford County Road Commission office in Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-00648.

Purpose for the public hearing will be to address and approve the selection of proposed projects eligible for TEA 21 funding.

Upon completion the Board will present the recommended proposed projects to the Regional Task Force for Consideration.

Additional information may be obtained from the Road Commission Office. Road Commission phone (989) 348-2281 or fax (989) 348-6933.

Prepared for the Crawford County Road Commission, Crawford County Transit Authority and the City of Grayling.

Crawford County Transit Authority
City of Grayling
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December 1958 - The
Asphalt Institute in Lansing announces: Starting in 1960 new interstate 75! ...from Clare to Mackinaw City. Big, wide, wonderful invitation to more tourists! Interstate 75 will carry the bulk of north-bound tourist traffic in comfort and safety never before experienced in Michigan. Asphalt - paved, one drive and you know this is the modern way to build a road. Traffic markers...sharp, bright, easy to see. The surface: traction textured for highest skid resistance, greater safety.

23 Years Ago December 24, 1981

The last ballot was cast Thursday, December 10, but the election fervor burned on and ignited again at the Crawford AuSable School Board meeting Monday night, December 14. More than 50 persons - mainly no supporters in the recent millage election-attended the board meeting to say, among other things, "I told you so." They felt they had warned the board the millage proposal didn't have a chance of passing and much-needed money was thrown away on another election.

Tim Ferrigan and Jeff Knight won their tenth straight match as Grayling whipped Boyne City

66-12 and defeated Gaylord 39-22. Ferrigan and Knight scored double victories last Thursday as they upped their records to 10-0.

More than \$2 million will be spent on construction projects at Camp Grayling scheduled to start in 1982. The largest project is a new ammunition supply center that has a \$1,622,000 price tag on it.

Paul and Alfreda Kamph and their three young children escaped from a blaze early Friday morning that burned their rented trailer house to the ground.

The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts have initiated a fund drive for the Paul Kamph family who recently lost their mobile home to fire.

Leo Lovely retires after 35 years as Clerk of Crawford County. This is the longest term ever held by a county official.

46 Years Ago December 25, 1958

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McClain are pleased to announce the arrival of a daughter, Julie Ann, on December 17th.

Congressman Roy Woodruff arrived in Grayling today and dropped in to call on some of his old friends and to meet new ones. Tonight at Shoppenagons Inn a dinner is being served in his honor and no doubt Mr. Woodruff will be called on for a talk.

The Kiwanis Club of Grayling closed its first year Wednesday with a Christmas program. A lighted Christmas tree and Christmas decorations on the long table and a live Santa Claus couldn't have delighted a group of kiddies more than it did our dignified business and professional men. And too, it was the occasion for President Clippert to hand over the gavel of authority to his successor - Emil Giegling. This was the closing of the Club's year and by the President's final report it was seen that the club had a busy year and a very successful one. At the last meeting of the Board of Directors, Mrs. Clippert was voted an honorary member of the club because of her splendid assistance with the music, especially as the pianist.

69 Years Ago December 26, 1935

With Leo Lovely leading the way, the Grayling High School basketball team triumphed over Charlevoix High here Friday night by a score of 21-13. Leo

netted four field goals and one free toss for a total of nine points. He was close pressed for honors by Smock who garnered six points.

Frederic High School defeated the Grayling reserves in the preliminary by the close score of 21-18. Frederic has a good team this year and have been winning regularly. The Grayling boys gave them a run for their money and Frederic knew they had played a hard game when it was over.

Santa Claus, in his early travels Christmas Eve, left an 8 1/2 lb. daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rasmussen. Greta Bernadette is her name.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter are very happy over the arrival of a 7 3/4 lb daughter, born on Christmas Day. Her name is Joan.

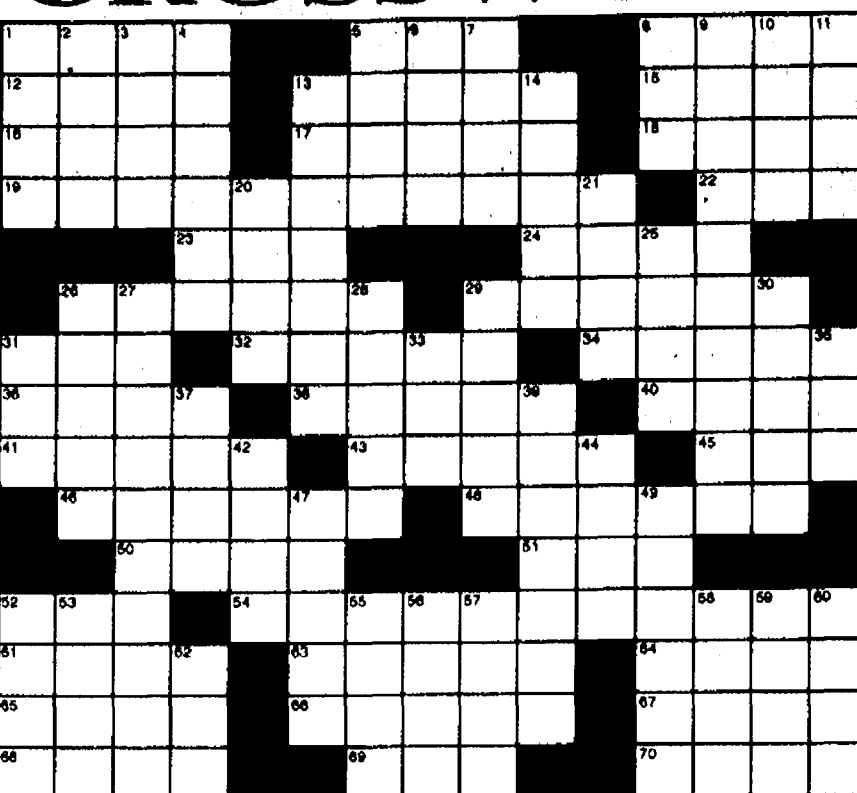
92 Years Ago December 26, 1912

The Grayling High School girls basketball team defeated the Gaylord High School team last Friday night by a score of 9 to 8.

More than 500 invitations have been issued for the first annual ball and banquet to be given by the Loyal Order of Moose, on New Year's night, January 1.

A stage is being built in the Temple Theatre. The floor has been cut and raised to proper height. Up-to-date footlights will be installed and new scenery throughout. Waldemar Jensen will paint the scenery and flies, also decorate the walls and the ceiling. New opera chairs will be installed and Manager Victor Salling says he will have as fine a theatre as one could wish to see.

CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
1. Complimentary ticket.
 5. Almanac of services used in the English church before the Reformation.
 8. Small area visibly different from the surrounding area.
 12. Imitators.
 13. Sprinkles with sand.
 15. Blood vessel carrying blood from the capillaries toward the heart.
 16. Female horse.
 17. Become wide.
 18. Chill.
 19. Paroxysmal pain and soreness of the muscles between the ribs.
 22. Town in Monmouthshire in South Wales.
 23. Acronym for Department of Licensing.
 24. To come off, as in flakes.
 26. Used as a drinking toast.
 29. Reaching high into the air.
 31. Acronym for Alliance for a Living Ocean.
 32. Decorative sticker.
 34. Abominable snowman.
 36. 29th state of the Union.
 38. Harmonic interval of an octave and a second.
 40. Ratio of the opposite side to the hypotenuse.
 41. Black leaf-shaped figure on certain playing cards.
 43. British variant of "odor."
 45. In a direction away from the inside.
 46. Cardinal number equal to 10 plus one.
 48. Soiled spots.
 50. City in north-central Oklahoma.
 51. Acronym for Clinical Research Trail.
 52. Acronym for Prisoner of War.
 54. Faint.
 51. Different.
 63. To move so as to bar passage through something.
 64. Largest city in Peru.
 65. To find pleasant.
 66. Large, valved brass wind instruments with a bass pitch.
 67. Rebroke, German singer.
 68. Hindmost part.
 69. Cloak.
 70. Situation requiring investigation by the police.
- DOWN**
1. Place, usually in the country, for recreation during the summer.
 2. Mineral of hydrated silica.
 3. Small lake.
 4. Counterfeit.
 5. Past tense of pay.
 6. Nickname of USS Independence.
 7. Barbara, I Dream of Jeanie.
 8. Acronym for Single Variable Inversion.
 9. Embezzlement of funds.
 10. Single entities.
 11. Tedious undertaking.
 13. Overblown.
 14. Shot, especially a gunshot, from a concealed place.
 20. Open, generally public way for the passage of vehicles.
 21. Light-hearted.
 25. To present false information with the intention of deceiving.
 28. Stretch of ground forming a natural incline.
 27. Rick, acting director of the Bureau of Transportation Statistics.
 28. Descendant.
 29. Low female singing voices.
 30. Roache, Robert Kennedy in 2002 TV movie RFK.
 31. Acronym for Accident Investigation Site.
 33. Used to indicate a result.
 35. To prescribe as a time for.
 37. Largest city in Yemen.
 39. Bins for storage.
 42. Wicked.
 44. Not widely known.
 47. Formal pronouncement.
 49. Relating to ancient Italy.
 52. Bombard.
 53. Acronym for Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs.
 55. To indulge in something excessively.
 56. One who wanders from place to place without a permanent home.
 57. Acronym for Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group.
 58. Operatic prima donna.
 59. Acronym for Emergency Message Authentication System.
 60. Person of Danish ancestry.
 62. Elogated fish of many genera and species.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

WARM CHOCOLATE LAVA CAKES

Filling:
2/3 cup chocolate chips
1/3 cup whipping cream

Cake:
1/3 cup water
1/3 cup vegetable oil
1 egg
1 package Brownie Mix

Preheat oven to 325°F. Lightly grease eight, 6-oz. ramekins or oven-safe custard cups.
For Filling: Place chocolate chips in a bowl. Heat cream just until low boil and pour over chocolate chips. Stir until chocolate chips have melted and mixture is smooth. Refrigerate until firm.
For Cake: Blend water, oil and egg in medium bowl. Add brownie mix and stir until moistened. Place scant 1/4 cup batter into each prepared ramekin. Spoon rounded tablespoon filling gently over batter in each ramekin. Spoon remaining batter over filling. Bake 30-35 minutes. Garnish with powdered sugar and fresh raspberries, if desired. Serve warm. Makes 8 servings.

Find the Twins

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DID YOU KNOW??

The human body has 70,000 miles of blood vessels.

DOG DOGS

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The Animal Shelter has a few kittens for Christmas this year. They are spayed or neutered and front clawed. For more information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: www.ascc.petfinder.com

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of December 23, 2004

<p>Capricorn December 22 - January 19</p> <p>Sounds of children remind you that the holidays are near. Tie up any loose ends and double-check your shopping list to make sure you haven't left anyone out.</p>	<p>Aries March 21 - April 19</p> <p>You've spent long enough on a project at work. Get your team together, review what still needs to be done, delegate tasks and focus, focus, focus!</p>	<p>Cancer June 22 - July 22</p> <p>You're invited to the social event of the season. Get out your party clothes and dancing shoes, and prepare to have fun!</p>	<p>Libra September 23 - October 22</p> <p>This week your mind plays tricks on you. Take some time off and do something fun to rejuvenate. A phone call gives you reason to celebrate.</p>
<p>Scorpio November 20 - December 18</p> <p>You have a petty squabble with a friend. Don't let it put a damper on your festivities. Car troubles alter travel plans.</p>	<p>Taurus April 20 - May 20</p> <p>Nothing but good wishes are headed your way. Return the favor. Throw a party and invite everyone you know. A romance heats up.</p>	<p>Leo July 23 - August 22</p> <p>It's true. This is the season of giving, but that doesn't mean you have to break the bank. Remember, it's the thought, not the price, that counts.</p>	<p>Pisces February 19 - March 20</p> <p>You are about to receive the opportunity of a lifetime. Go for it! A card inspires you to reconnect with some old friends.</p>
<p>Virgo August 23 - September 22</p> <p>You've made good on your promises and you will soon reap the rewards. An article provides insight into a health problem.</p>	<p>Sagittarius November 22 - December 21</p> <p>The holidays are one of the best times of the year. For some close to you, however, the reverse is true. What you can do to turn the season around for them.</p>		

Need a Christmas gift idea? Dog Opoly and other board games (\$25) available at The Copy Shop. Calendars (\$5) and cookbooks (\$15) available at the Avalanche. All proceeds to the shelter.

Help build a new shelter by purchasing a "Driving into the Future Raffle" ticket for a chance to win a brand new 2005 Dodge Durango! Tickets are \$100.00 each and only 2,000 will be sold. Anyone who would like a ticket should send a check or money order for the amount of tickets requested to: Animal Shelter Crawford County, Raffle Tickets, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738. Tickets are also on sale at the Avalanche, Riverland Gear, The Medicine Shoppe Chemical Bank and the shelter.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at: 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Sun. and Holidays 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)					
Date	H	L	Snow	Day	High	Low	Day	High	Low
12/15	22	10	.25	Today	17	13	16	23	30
12/16	35	12	0	High	17	13	16	23	30
12/17	33	16	2	Low	4	2	9	19	21
12/18	28	7	0	Low	4	2	9	19	21
12/19	31	-8	2	Low	4	2	9	19	21
12/20	2	-20	0	Low	4	2	9	19	21
12/21	17	-20	8	Low	4	2	9	19	21

SEASONS GREETINGS

SENDING OUR BEST



To all of you who mean so much, It's a joy to keep in touch. May your season deliver parcels of cheer, And lots of good fortune for those you hold dear. This greeting is sealed with best wishes for you For a very fine season and a great new year, too!

Merry Christmas!

Grayling Post Office

The Grayling Post Office window will be open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve; We will be closed on Christmas day and reopen on Mon. December 27 at 7 a.m., window at 8 a.m.

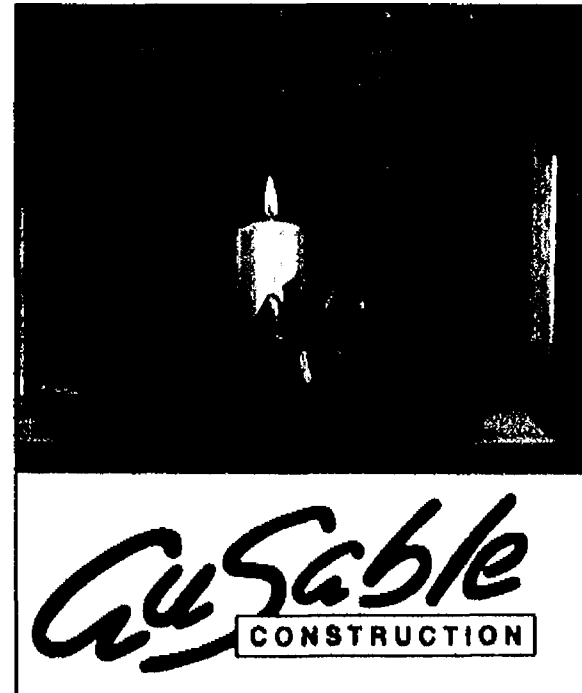
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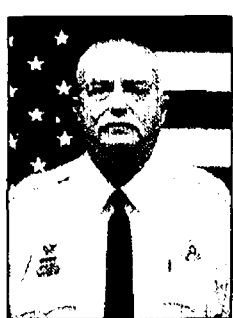
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Tina Bassett
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Dean Goss
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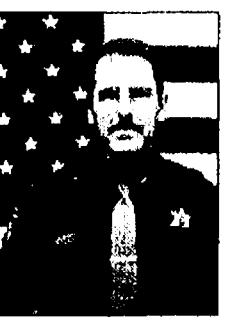
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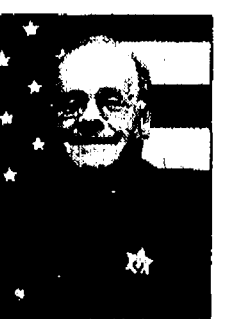
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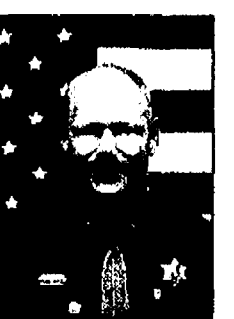
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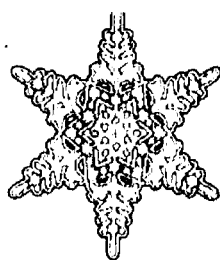
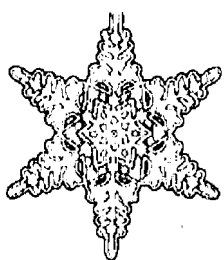
SEASONS GREETINGS



All the best to you and your family
this holiday season

Merry Christmas

From Monte & Chris
Law Office of Monte Burmeister PLLC
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**"Not a creature
was stirring..."**

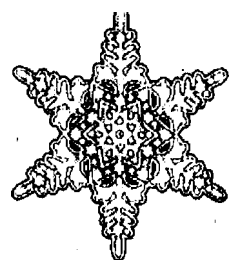
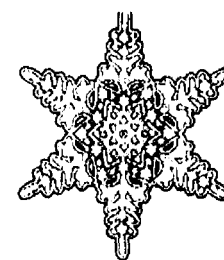
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cheer to everyone
who has marched by
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*Have A Happy
Holiday!*

*We look forward to
seeing you again.*


Dr. Carolyn DiPonio, D.P.M.
and Jan

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Backrow - Dr. Dean, Shawn, Kathy,
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Michelle & Sherri

**In This
Season
Of Hope**

Christmas is more than a holiday, it's a time to reflect on all
the friendships and blessings we've enjoyed in the past year.
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you will join us in wishing for worldwide peace this holiday
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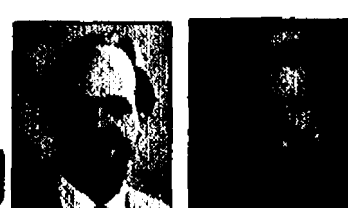
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season of magic and memories.

We wish you a
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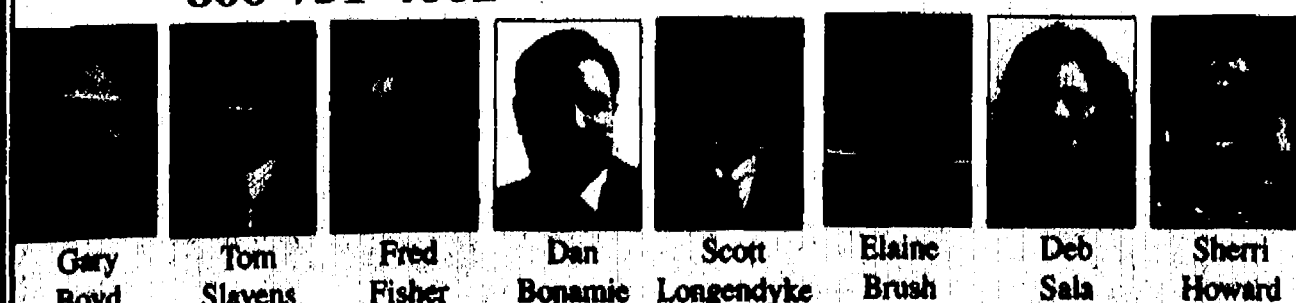
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Very nice two bedroom home with detached garage on the South Branch of the AuSable river. It has a large bedroom downstairs and 16x20 loft. This home offers views of the river from several rooms and has a deck for outdoor entertaining on the river side. #5400 \$169,000



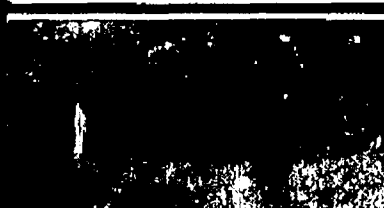
Curb appeal plus... especially in the summer season. Landscaped, asphalt driveway and extension. Large living room and kitchen with dining. Extensive countertops in the kitchen and within walking distance to Lake Margrethe. #5339 \$155,400



Gorgeous setting amongst the hardwoods is a knock-out 1,792 sq. ft. home with lots of bells & whistles! See thru fireplace sits between the living room & dining room, bedrooms all have walk-in closets, & the kitchen is to die for!! \$89,900 #5358



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This three bedroom, two bath Ranch is located on 4 acres of beautiful hardwoods in snowmobile's haven. Shows great pride in ownership, landscaped and offers full walkout basement. Great year round home. #5257 \$109,900



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Grayling, Michigan 49738



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Human Resources
Mercy Hospital Grayling,
1100 E. Michigan Ave, Grayling MI 49738
Phone (989) 348-0570 Fax (989) 348-048
Email: slewis@trinity-health.org



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The Crawford County Road Commission is seeking candidates for the position of an Administrative Clerk.

Applicant should have as a minimum, three years of administrative support experience where use of a personal computer to prepare correspondence, reports, or to enter/retrieve/update information was an essential part of the work. Two years of professional experience in carrying out or auditing the systematic classification and evaluation of accounting data and the preparation of related financial and managerial reports.

Equivalent combinations of education and experience that provide the required knowledge, skills, and abilities will be evaluated on an individual basis.

Employment application and Resumes will be accepted until 3:30 p.m. January 7, 2005 at the Road Commission office @ 500 Huron Street, Grayling, Michigan. Resumes can be mailed to the attention of the Managing Director at the address below.

Crawford County Road Commission
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Grayling, Michigan 49738

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5 SUPER CAR WASHES FROM DIANE'S CAR WASH

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3. Arts & Fitness

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NEED A LAST minute gift? J. Dap has a large selection of gifts at affordable prices. Don't forget your hairdresser, mailman or your favorite secretary. J. Dap is located at 118 Michigan Avenue in Grayling. (-16-23/5)

J. DAP is the place to get stocking stuffers for kids of all ages! J. Dap has toys for kids, candles, jewelry, specialty foods, beads and more. Stop by 118 Michigan Avenue and load up on your stocking stuffers! (-16-23/5)

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8. Announcements

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6. Wanted

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8. Announcements

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8. Announcements

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9. Personals

FROM AKRON MICHIGAN Miss all my dear friends and neighbors at this time of year. Happy holidays - Betty Barrett. (-23-30/9)

7. Miscellaneous

Crossword Answers

COMP	PIE	SPDT
APES	SANDS	VENA
WARE	WIDEN	ICES
PLEURO	DYNIA	USK
DOL	PILL	
SKOALS	AERIAL	
LOW	DECAL	YETIS
IOWA	NINTH	SINE
SPADE	ODOUR	OUT
ELEVEN	STAINS	
ENID	CRT	
POW	LIGHT	HEADED
ELSE	CLOSE	LIMA
LIKE	TUBAS	IVAN
TAIL	TOG	CASE

8. Announcements

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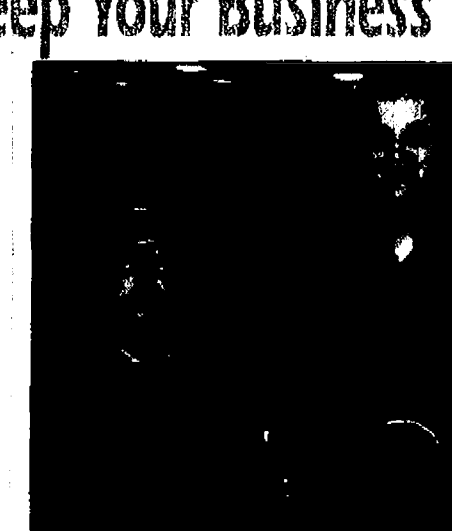
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Classified Display Ads ♦♦ Mon. Dec. 27 by noon
Classified Ads by the word ♦♦ Tues. Dec. 28 by noon

The Avalanche office will reopen on
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Our office will be **CLOSED** on Friday,
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DEADLINES for the
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